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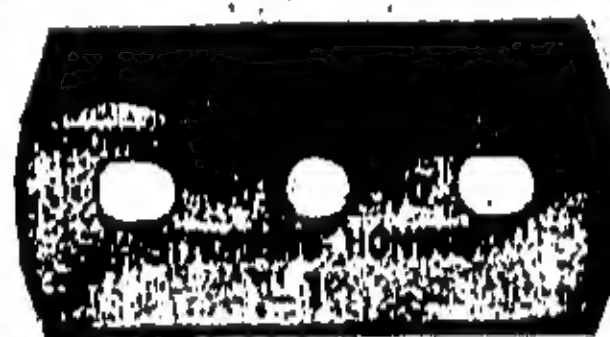
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HOTEL FIRE.

CAUSE INVESTIGATED
TO-DAY.

LATEST DETAILS.

Investigation is being carried out to-day by the Police as to the cause of the fire on New Year's Day at the Hongkong Hotel. European and Chinese members of the staff also residents will be interrogated and the interesting point will be solved as far as possible.

Meanwhile the management is "carrying on" admirably.

Arrangements as to tea dances, dinner dances on the roof garden, meals, accommodation etc. are already well known. "Bessie's Bar" is open as formerly. There is a soda fountain in the Cafeteria and hardly anything will be missed.

This morning the bamboo barricade in the streets was shortened with the result that only the main wing is now cut off. Inside boardings are being put up to cut off access to the dangerous portion of the building.

Buses, running to usual schedule, now leave the Cafeteria door instead of Statue Square.

Messrs. Thomas Cook's are in the first floor of the new Building. Considerable water got into their old offices and removal may only be effected from their own entrance but not the main hotel entrance. Most of the stock in Messrs. Powell's men's establishment and Messrs. Lane, Crawford's ladies' shop has been removed the latter being housed in the jewelry shop at the corner. Trams are now passing along Des Voeux Road but "dead slow" to cause the least possible vibration. Shoring is going up around the damaged building, holes being dug in the road for this purpose.

The work that the straggleway employees are carrying on outside the Hotel is in connection with the rendering of the service there as free from vibration as possible. As there was a suggestion of corruption in the tread this was attended to and two joints which were not absolutely perfect were rendered so. The tops of the lines have been made absolutely level.

Police are on duty to prevent people entering the danger zone and detectives have also been posted to prevent pilfering.

A "China Mail" reporter was informed this morning that the decision as to rehabilitation would occupy some time as the directors, the underwriters, the architects and the P.W.D. would have to confer.

Since Saturday there have been further reports of residents having retrieved belongings but it is feared that some will not be able to reduce heavy loss by further salvage.

Meanwhile things are being pushed ahead rapidly under proper control.

About 6 p.m. yesterday a beam in the top floor was noticed to be alight but the Fire Brigade soon extinguished the flames.

AN INQUIRY?

Probable Official Action.

The "China Mail" understands that the matter of an enquiry into certain phases of the task of the Fire Brigade etc. has not been considered officially, although it is thought that there can be no doubt about one finally being held. There will also be an enquiry into the death of Able Seaman Batchelor.

Mr. J. H. Taggart.

The "China Mail" was informed upon official enquiry that the medical pronouncement on Mr. J. H. Taggart, Chairman and Managing Director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., was "definitely better" although no definite statement that danger has been passed can be made for four or five days.

THE ATHERLEY CASE.

PRISONER WHO COULD NOT FIND BAIL.

CONCESSION MADE.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS PROCEEDINGS BEGIN.

Charges against Mr. James Edward Atherley of fraudulent conversion of sums of money totalling \$3,275 received by him on account of Getz Bros. & Co. (of the Orient) Ltd. were heard at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Reference was made to the opening by Mr. Atherley of a private banking account at the International Bank, payments into which corresponded with the amounts paid to Mr. Atherley by the compradors on certain dates on behalf of the firm. Up till then, such amounts would have been paid into the Chartered Bank by the compradors but it was the case for the Crown that when Mr. Atherley opened his own account he changed the route of the office so that the money was paid to him personally.

"A pressing need" which Mr. Atherley was called upon to face about this time was also referred to by Mr. F. C. Jenkin (for the Attorney General). This was in connection with the payment to Messrs. Fred Ellis & Co., Share-brokers, at the March 1924, settlement, of \$4,022. "It might be," said Mr. Jenkin, "that Mr. Atherley could explain why payments into his private banking account should correspond with those received by the compradors on those dates but it was certainly a striking coincidence. I shall prove where he got some of them at any rate."

At the outset of the trial, permission was given prisoner through Mr. Easley Zeitlyn (instructed on his behalf by Messrs. Hall & Hinds) to leave the dock and sit at counsel's and solicitors' table. Mr. Zeitlyn asked for this as, owing to Mr. Atherley not being able to obtain bail he "had been hampered in the presentation of his case."

A Juryman's Relations.

The question of the relationship of one of the jury also arose at the outset. Mr. Zeitlyn asked if a Mr. Rosa was a relation of a Mr. Rosa who was an accountant in Getz Bros. and a witness for the prosecution.

The juryman: Which Mr. Rosa? Mr. Zeitlyn: Mr. F. X. Rosa. The juryman: Which Mr. F. X. Rosa.

It transpired that he was no relation and no objection was made to his inclusion in the jury. Mr. Jenkin, in opening the case for the Crown, dealt with the activities of Getz Bros. in exporting from California well known brands of tinned and bottled food and the organisation by which business was done through the compradors and dealers.

Under the system in vogue up to the time that the alleged misappropriations took place, when the goods were imported into Hongkong, Head Office in California would draw on the local office (Mr. Atherley was their sole representative here) for the value of these goods. For the purpose of identifying dealers taking goods under any particular draft, a system of numbered promissory notes was brought into vogue. It was thus possible to see from the entries in the book what dealers in Hongkong took portions of the draft from California to Hongkong on any particular day.

When the amounts in question became due by local merchants, they were collected through the compradors department, entered in the books and the amount received filled in on the deposit slip. The money, according to the system, obtaining before the alleged misappropriations, was then entered in the paying-in book of the Chartered Bank of India, the Company's bankers. When Mr. Atherley opened a banking account with the International

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar at demand today was 27 1/2/15.

TOBACCO SEIZURE.

LEAVE GRANTED TO RE-OPEN CASE.

A MISUNDERSTANDING ALLEGED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, an application was made by Mr. Leo d'Almada for the re-hearing of a case in which a decision was made on Wednesday for the confiscation of 57 bales of raw tobacco leaf seized on a junk at Yau-matli. Chinese trader, acting as agent for the owner of the tobacco, had been Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, at his office the previous day and had been told to attend Court where the matter came before the Magistrate, but he failed to appear. The order for confiscation was then made after hearing evidence of seizure.

This morning Mr. Lloyd said he was there to see that justice was done. He thought Mr. d'Almada would have to satisfy His Worship that the persons whom he represented were really the owners of the tobacco.

Mr. d'Almada gave as his grounds for a re-hearing that there had been a misunderstanding between his client and Mr. Lloyd when he went to the office to ask to be allowed to pay the necessary duty on the tobacco which had been brought from Canton the previous Friday or Saturday. His client assumed that he was to call at the office again at 10.30 on the following morning, and accordingly went there, where (Mr. d'Almada) himself was waiting at the office until 11.30. The application for confiscation had therefore been heard ex parte. He submitted that there had been no attempt to smuggle tobacco, and he was prepared to go into the matter with Mr. Lloyd.

His Worship granted the application, and fixed 10 a.m. on Friday for re-hearing.

DYING QUEEN.

MOTHER OF KING OF ITALY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, Jan. 3.

Queen Margherita is dying at Bordighera, and their Italian Majesties have departed thither. [Queen Margherita is the mother of King Victor Emmanuel. She was born on November 20, 1851, being the only daughter of the late Prince Ferdinand of Savoy, Duke of Genoa. She was married on April 22, 1868, to Prince Umberto of Savoy, Prince of Piemonte, who became King of Italy in 1878 and died in 1900.]

Bank on March 24, 1924, the office system was changed, said Mr. Jenkin and the compradors was told to pay in to Mr. Atherley the amounts collected.

Private Banking Account.

Mr. Atherley's banking account was referred to by Mr. Jenkin. To look at the account during the period in question, the only logical conclusion to which one could come was that it was the account of a wealthy man. Mr. Atherley's salary was in gold dollars working out at something like \$870 a month and he paid into his account what would have been six months' salary, and on another occasion two years' salary. Where could Mr. Atherley have got this money, Mr. Jenkin asked the jury. He pointed out that amounts collected by the compradors for the firm coincided with payments into Mr. Atherley's account at the same time. He also remarked that for the period under which Mr. Atherley was under arrest his private account became exactly what one would expect of a man with a salary of \$870 a month.

The case is proceeding. The jury called to try the case is as follows: Messrs. P. M. N. de Silva (foreman), Mr. Minney, H. E. Stainfield, A. E. de Rosa, Mr. A. Simon, Shuk Jumin and Thomas Marvan.

WHITE GLOVES.

PRESENTATION TO SENIOR MAGISTRATE.

THIS MORNING'S CEREMONY.

A pleasant little ceremony took place at the Central Magistracy this morning after Mr. R. E. Lindsell had mounted the bench. Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E. (Captain, Superintendent of Police) said that he wished to congratulate His Worship on the fact that last Wednesday there was not a single case in his Court. He thought this was unique in the annals of the Colony, and hoped it was all for the good of the Colony and the neighbouring province and that the present position would be brought to an end by the restoration of normal communications. So far as the Police were concerned, he hoped the decrease in crime would remain for ever. He had much pleasure in handing His Worship a pair of white gloves to mark the occasion.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, who was present in Court, said he associated himself with what the C.S.P. had said and wished to offer congratulations also on behalf of the members of his profession.

In returning thanks for the token, Mr. Lindsell considered that the occasion was unique. At the same time he said it was Mr. Wodehouse and his force who should be congratulated on this interesting result.

TRAFFIC OFFENCE.

FAILURE TO REPORT ACCIDENT.

A coolie was injured in the ankle when a motor car backed into a pavement at Praya East on December 12. He entered hospital the next day and died four days later.

Failure to report this accident was the charge against a Chinese driver at the Central Magistracy this morning. Defendant admitted that he bought the injured man some medicine and also gave a small sum of money as compensation. A fine of \$50 was imposed.

GANDHI TO REST.

A YEAR'S ABSTENTION FROM POLITICS.

WILL DEVELOP HAND-SPINNING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Ahmedabad, Jan. 3.

Gandhi has decided to take a year's rest from politics and devote his attention to the development of hand-spinning. He declares that this decision was taken after consulting many of his friends during the National Congress in Cawnpore.

LOSS TO LEAGUE.

DEATH OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 4.

The death has occurred of Mr. George Herbert Mair, C.M.G., Assistant Director of the League of Nations Secretariat since 1919. [Mr. G. H. Mair, who was the eldest son of the late Fleet Surgeon G. Mair, B.N., was born on May 8, 1887, and educated at Aberdeen University and Christ Church, Oxford. He was on the literary staff of the "Manchester Guardian" for five years and then Assistant Editor of the "Daily Chronicle." He relinquished journalism in 1914 to work under the Government, first in the Home Office and later with the Foreign Office (News Department). He became Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Information, in 1918, and was Director of the British Peace Delegation to Paris in 1919.]

RESIGNED.

BULGARIAN CHINESE FALL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Sofia, Jan. 3.

Mr. Zankov, Chinese Consul, has long been the subject of criticism and is now resigned.

TO SAVE GREECE!

PREMIER ASSUMES ENTIRE POWER.

SENATE ELECTIONS DEFERRED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Athens, Jan. 3.

The Premier, General Pangalos, has announced that henceforth he is assuming entire responsibility for the government of the country, and will rely solely on the power of the Army, and on the national conscience to save Greece. He undertook to furnish reasons for his decision.

Meanwhile the Senate elections have been postponed sine die.

POLITICIANS BUSY.

Athens, later.

It is officially explained that the postponement of the Senate elections sine die is due to certain party leaders persisting in giving them a political complexion, which would thus defeat the Government's object of obtaining the cessation of the increasing political tension.

TRAIN SMASH.

TRAGEDY AT A LEVEL CROSSING.

MAHARAJA'S COUSINS KILLED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Kalka, Jan. 3.

The Maharaja of Patiala's party was returning from a shooting camp when a lorry, conveying the Maharaja's female attendants and two of her female cousins, was smashed by a press train at a level crossing. Eight women were killed, and two others seriously injured.

TRAGIC EXPLOSION.

DOZEN BODIES HORRIBLY MUTILATED.

MAN BLOWN THROUGH ROOF.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Pensacola, Florida, Jan. 3.

A dozen bodies have already been recovered of victims of an explosion of one of the resorts at the Newport Rosin and Turpentine Company.

It is believed that over twenty persons are injured.

The recovered bodies were horribly mutilated. One man was blown through the roof and fell 150 feet away. The damage to property is small.

AFRICAN FLIGHT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Khartoum, January 3.

Mr. Alan Cobham, who is on a flight from London to the Cape, has arrived at Mongalla, 160 miles north of the Uganda border.

FATAL FALL.

A NEW YEAR'S EVE ACCIDENT.

On Thursday, a Chinese recruit at the Wanchai Fire Station was fatally injured in a fall from a hook ladder placed against the structure for drying hose. The ladder swayed to a side and the fireman was thrown down 40 feet. He died in hospital.

THE HOTEL FIRE.

THE FULL STORY WITH PICTURES.

The full story of the hotel fire with pictures will appear in "The Overland China Mail," the weekly edition of the "China Mail," which will be on sale on Friday. There is sure to be a heavy demand for copies. It is a sensational story, and the pictures are of the highest quality.

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HOLIDAY CRICKET.

ROYAL NAVY WINS BIG MATCH.

FIRST TIE IN THE LEAGUE.

Scores of Saturday's Friendly Games.

The last match in the triangular cricket tournament was ended on Saturday with the Royal Navy defeating the Hongkong C.C. by six wickets.

On Friday, the Navy had made 332 runs in their first venture—a score which stood them in good stead later. The H.K.C.C. had lost three wickets for 61 runs when stumps were drawn.

Hayward and Owen Hughes, the two Club batsmen "not out" overnight continued on Saturday morning. Owen Hughes was dismissed after he had added four runs to his previous score of 31. Hancock, Pearce and Lammerth each fell cheaply, the total being 124 for seven. Hayward, who had been batting from the previous day was defeated by Cantrell after adding six runs to the total. He scored 63 runs. The innings closed for 167.

The H.K.C.C. were sent in again and this time did better, scoring a total of 207. Owen Hughes (45) and Pearce (49) were the top scorers, the others failing to come off. The combined scores, however, exceeded the Navy first innings total by only 32 runs.

The Navy took four wickets in making the necessary runs. The first two wickets fell at 12, the next at 19, and the fourth at 20. The match therefore ended in their favour by six wickets. Beatty in the first innings of the Club bowled 11 maiden overs, eight in succession.

Complete scores for the match follow:—

Royal Navy—1st Innings.

Lt.-Com. Armitage, c Pearce, b Powell	57
Pay.-Com. Hussey, b Bowker	19
Lt. Nicholson, b Powell	13
Mid. Stephenson, b Stewart	45
Lt. Halsey, c Owen Hughes, b Powell	83
Capt. West, c Stewart, b Owen Hughes	3
Lt. Sillitoe, c Stewart, b Powell	45
Capt. Lake, c Pearce, b Powell	6
Lt. Col. Cantrell, not out	38
Lt. Wauchope, c Stewart, b Powell	7
Lt.-Com. Beatty, b Bowker	0
Extras	13

Total 332

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bowker	19.2	4	70	2
Lammerth	11	1	53	0
Powell	20	2	82	6
Owen Hughes	16	1	80	1
Stewart	5	1	15	1
Extras	2	0	19	0

H.K.C.C.—1st Innings.

A. W. Hayward, b Cantrell	63
G. R. Sayer, b.w., b Cantrell	0
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Armitage, b Cantrell	0
Lt. F. Stewart, b Cantrell	0
H. Owen Hughes, c Stephenson, b Beatty	35
E. Hancock, c Sillitoe, b Beatty	0
T. J. Pearce, b Cantrell	9
E. G. Lammerth, c Armitage, b Stephenson	15
A. C. I. Bowker, not out	9
F. N. Young, b Cantrell	4
Rev. T. B. Powell, b Beatty	4
Extras	10

Total 157

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cantrell	31	7	71	6
Beatty	23.3	11	43	3
Lake	4	0	19	0
Stephenson	3	0	9	1

H.K.C.C.—2nd Innings.

E. J. R. Mitchell, c Cantrell, b Stephenson	11
A. C. I. Bowker, c Lake, b Stephenson	0
E. G. Lammerth, c Nicholson, b Beatty	15
G. R. Sayer, b.w., b Cantrell	0
E. F. Stewart, c Lake, b Cantrell	10
A. W. Hayward, c Hussey, b Cantrell	9
R. Hancock, c Hussey, b Beatty	0
H. Owen Hughes, b Beatty	45
T. J. Pearce, b.w., b Cantrell	49
F. N. Young, c Nicholson, b Cantrell	13
Rev. T. B. Powell, not out	18
Extras	34

Total 207

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cantrell	23	5	48	5
Stephenson	10	2	33	2
Beatty	15	3	33	3
Lake	3	0	11	0
Nicholson	3	0	22	0

Royal Navy—2nd Innings.

Pay.-Lt. Hussey, b Bowker	7
Capt. West, b Bowker	7
Mid. Stephenson, b Bowker	0
Lt. Nicholson, b Bowker	2
Capt. Lake, not out	4
Lt. Wauchope, not out	14
Extras	8

Total (for 4 wks.) 42

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bowker	6	1	17	4
Lammerth	3	0	17	0

LEAGUE MATCH.

C.S.C.C. v. R.A.

For the first time this season, a match in the league ended in a tie. The Civil Service had the Royal Artillery as visitors and each side scored 149 runs.

Towards the Artillery total, Hattersley Smith contributed 80 not out, including 15 fours. He batted very well.

The C.S.C.C. were 143 up when the eighth wicket fell. The ninth went with the addition of four runs. Excitement ran high with two runs being added by Edmonds, bringing the score to a tie. Holdman was then caught by Barrett off Rough.

Royal Artillery.

Capt. Bensusen, c de Rome, b Hamilton	24
Lt. Hall, b Evans	4
Lt. Smith, b Evans	0
Major Hattersley Smith, not out	80
Lt. Chester, c Holdman, b Hamilton	1
Mr. Gr. Rough, b Baker	2
Capt. Barrett, b Evans	15
Sgt. Gifford, run out	4
Edmonds	0
Gr. Sandell, b Evans	0
Edr. Dunne, b Evans	0
Extras	19

Total 149

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Evans	8.3	0	31	5
Hamilton	9	3	23	2
Baker	6	0	44	1
Edmonds	5	0	32	1

C.S.C.C.

F. J. de Rome, run out	29
B. D. Evans, b.w., b Gifford	0
E. C. Fincher, c sub., b Gifford	2
A. E. Wood, c Hattersley Smith, b Lt. Smith	39
F. E. Lawrence, c Chester, b Lt. Smith	19
H. G. Wallington, c Barrett, b Rough	8
E. W. Hamilton, c Chester, b Lt. Smith	0
S. B. Spillett, c Bensusen, b Lt. Smith	22
F. Baker, b.w., b Rough	11
F. H. Holdman, c Barrett, b Rough	0
W. H. Edmonds, not out	2
Extras	9

Total 149

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gifford	9	2	36	2
Rule	7	0	45	0
Rough	9	0	39	3
Lt. Smith	7	1	19	4

FRIENDLY GAMES.

K.C.C. v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

A whole day match was played at Kowloon between the Kowloon C.C. and the Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI.

The first innings was played to a finish, H.K.C.C. making 130 runs and the home team replying with 91. In the second innings H.K.C.C. made 135 for 4 wickets; Kowloon, 131 for two wickets.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI—1st Innings.

A. K. Mackenzie, c Hancock, b Lyal	21
H. V. Parker, b Goodwin	1
M. M. Watson, run out	7
C. L. R. Becker, c Gordon, b Lee	4
D. E. G. Nicholson, c Parsons, b Lyal	23
G. R. Vallack, c Parsons, b Goodwin	6
A. G. Gordon, c Lyal, b Lee	0
H. Griffin, c Hancock, b Goodwin	58
W. W. Mackenzie, b Goodwin	13
W. Brackenridge, b Goodwin	13
S. E. Green, not out	1
Extras	1

Total 130

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	11	3	10	5
Lyal	13	3	10	2
Lee	9	0	30	2
Hancock	3	0	11	0

K.C.C.—1st Innings.

A. W. Ramsay, c Parker, b Griffin	1
A. A. Dand, b Griffin	2
H. Parsons, c Parker, b Vallack	4
G. Lee, c Nicholson, b Griffin	26
D. S. Green, b Griffin	0
F. Goodwin, b Vallack	12
J. C. Lyal, b Griffin	13
W. F. J. Gorvin, c W. Mackenzie, b Gordon	9
C. T. Evans, b Parker	0
J. E. Hancock, b Griffin	0
K. R. Macaskill, not out	15
Extras	9

Total 91

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Griffin	12	4	36	5
Vallack	8	0	36	2
Gordon	4	1	9	1
Parker	4	0	1	1

H.K.C.C.—2nd Innings.

H. V. Parker, c Gorvin, b Lyal	46
C. L. R. Becker, b Lyal	7
A. K. Mackenzie, b Lee	22
D. E. G. Nicholson, not out	23
M. M. Watson, c Hancock, b Ramsay	10
W. W. Mackenzie, not out	7
Extras	20

Total (for 4 wks., dec.) 135

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	11	1	40	0
Lyal	12	2	30	2
Lee	3	0	21	1
Ramsay	2	1	6	1

K.C.C.—2nd Innings.

A. W. Ramsay, c Parker, b Vallack	38
J. C. Lyal, c K. Mackenzie, b Vallack	37
G. Lee, not out	30
F. Goodwin, not out	16
Extras	10

Total (for 2 wks.) 131

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Parker	4	0	29	0
Griffin	6	0	35	0
Vallack	5	0	38	2
Gordon	1	0	2	0
Becher	2	0	17	0

I.R.C. v. NAVY.

At Southampton, a match between the Indian R. C. 2nd XI and the Indian Navy 2nd XI ended in a draw.

The game was slightly "in favour of the home team, who declared with 168 runs for six wickets. Wabul contributed 63 not out, playing a fine game and hitting a dozen fours.

The Navy had at the close of play a tally of 121 for six, several players reaching double figure scores.

Archer (I.R.C.) took 4 wickets for 17, and Bennett (Navy) 3 for 25.

I.R.C. 2nd XI.

M. P. Madur, b Ingham	25
L. Jassun, b Allen	0
N. B. Kitchell, c Spencer, b Bennett	0
J. S. Akker, c Conway, b Ingham	21
V. A. Whahab, not out	63
A. A. E. Smith, b Bennett	21
A. S. Ismail, b Bennett	6
A. S. Sufud, not out	17
Extras	15

Total (for 6 wks., dec.) 198

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
N. Nazam, A. R. M. Sunny and D. M. Nazam did not bat.				
Allen	12	1	38	1
Bennett	11	3	25	3
Ingham	5	0	25	0
Conway	5	1	27	0
Lowme	2	0	17	0

Navy 2nd XI.

Lt. Hayter, c Madur, b Akker	23
Lt. Dwyer, b Akker	29
Lt. Simpson, b Wahab	3
Mid. Simms, c Madur, b Akker	1
Pay. Com. Coulmer, not out	20
Lt. Com. Ingham, b Akker	1
Pay. Lt. Allen, b Madur	4
Eng. Lt. Bennett, not out	21
Extras	10

Total (for 6 wks.) 121

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Suffield	9	2	49	0
Akker	10	4	17	4
A. S. Ismail	3	0	18	0
Wahab	10	3	14	1
Madur	6	0	10	1

C.C.C. v. TAIKOO.

Playing on their ground, the Craigengower C.C. defeated a team from Taikoo by 105 runs.

The first innings was played to a finish, H.K.C.C. making 130 runs and the home team replying with 91. In the second innings H.K.C.C. made 135 for 4 wickets; Kowloon, 131 for two wickets.

C.C.C. 2nd XI.

A. K. Mackenzie, c Hancock, b Lyal	21
H. V. Parker, b Goodwin	1
M. M. Watson, run out	7
C. L. R. Becker, c Gordon, b Lee	4
D. E. G. Nicholson, c Parsons, b Lyal	23
G. R. Vallack, c Parsons, b Goodwin	6
A. G. Gordon, c Lyal, b Lee	0
H. Griffin, c Hancock, b Goodwin	58
W. W. Mackenzie, b Goodwin	13
W. Brackenridge, b Goodwin	13
S. E. Green, not out	1
Extras	1

Total 130

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	11	3	10	5
Lyal	13	3	10	2
Lee	9	0	30	2
Hancock	3	0	11	0

MISSION TO CHINA.

(Rover's Service.)

London, Jan. 2.

The "Daily News" understands that the British Commission foreshadowed a few months ago by Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, will shortly proceed to China to confer with the Chinese authorities regarding the allocation of the balance of the Boxer indemnity. Lord Willingdon is mentioned as head of the delegation.

Lord Willingdon has been Governor of Bombay and of Madras, relinquishing the latter post in 1924. He is a Lord in Waiting to the King and is a keen sportsman.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Grimes	12	1	41	3
Moore	9	0	38	1
McNeill	9	0	35	1
Young	7	1	33	1

Talkoo.

H. F. Harper, run out	1
T. Young, c Arculi, b Fletcher	9
T. Grimes, b Pina	2
McNeill, c sub., b Abbas	0
H. Moore, c sub., b Abbas	4
McLeod, b Fletcher	13
J. Pina, c Zimmern, b Pina	10
J. S. Hope, b Fletcher	0
R. Bell, b.w., b Fletcher	0
A. McIndoe, b Fletcher	0
T. Young, not out	6
M. McIndoe, b Zimmern	4
Extras	6

Total 57

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Abbas	7	0	11	2
Fletcher	5	0	16	5
Pina	5	0	19	2
Zimmern	4.2	0	6	1

C.R.C. v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

This friendly match on the ground of the Chinese Recreation ground was drawn.

H.M.S. "Hawkins."

E. A. Binns, c Cheng, b Young	31
O. A. (sub.), b.w. Ching	2
W. W. Russell, c Ching, b Yeoh	19
A. Willocks, b Yeoh	4
E. O. Free, run out	4
Mid. Freer, b Ching	35
Mid. Smyth, not out	44
E. B. A. Jakeman, run out	5
Pak. Stanford, c Ng Sze-kwong	3
E. A. Smith, not out	16
Extras	16

Total (for 9 wks., dec.) 168

Bowling Analysis.

Bowling Analysis:				
	O.	M.	R.	
W. Hung	6	1	1	

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"ALPHE"	9,114	6th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"DELTA"	10,941	13th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"MALTA"	9,089	20th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	27th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"KASHMIR"	9,985	6th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don Antwerp & H'burg
"KHIVA"	9,135	13th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,918	20th Mar.	Marseilles and London
"DEVANHA"	9,163	27th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	3rd Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	10th Apr.	Marseilles and London
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"TILAWA"	10,008	29th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	9,018	5th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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"TANDA"	9,858	22nd Jan.	do.
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1926			
"HYMETTUS"	4,836	7th Jan.	Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai.
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"MALWA"	10,941	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	28th Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"SANTHA"	9,500	4th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,128	11th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TILAWA"	10,008	18th Feb.	Kobe and Osaka.
"TALMA"	9,018	25th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	4th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,985	11th Mar.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,135	18th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"MOREA"	10,918	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	15th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	22nd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,005	29th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KHYBER"	9,114	6th May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TANDA"	9,858	13th May	Shanghai.
"MALWA"	10,941	20th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	27th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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17-J.C.J.L. Tjibodas
FROM KEELOONG.
Jan. 10-J.C.J.L. Tjibodas
FROM SHANGHAI.
Jan. 5-M. H. Ambrose
7-A.O.L. Pres. Grant
7-B. Line Pres. Lincoln
9-N.Y.K. Hakodate Maru
9-N.Y.K. Wakasa Maru
11-N.Y.K. Hakone Maru
FROM SINGAPORE.
Jan. 5-B. F. Rumses
7-B. F. Persens
15-B. F. Monitor
22-B. F. Antareson
FROM CALCUTTA.
Jan. 5-B. I. Sántia
10-B. I. Tálma
22-B. I. Tálma
FROM BOMBAY.
Jan. 7-P. & O. Delta
10-P. & O. Kashmir
FROM JAPAN.
Jan. 10-J.C.J.L. Tjibodas
18-J.C.J.L. Tjibodas
FROM MANILA.
Jan. 5-T.E.E. Ralphy Maru
5-N.Y.K. Ceylon Maru
5-N.Y.K. Tokushima Maru
7-A.O.L. Pres. Grant
7-B. Line Pres. Lincoln
8-N.Y.K. Karachi Maru
9-N.Y.K. Hakodate Maru
9-N.Y.K. Wakasa Maru
10-J.C.J.L. Tjibodas
11-N.Y.K. Hakone Maru
FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
Jan. 8-E. & A. St. Albans
19-N.Y.K. Aki Maru
23-N.Y.K. Tanaka
23-N.Y.K. Arakawa Maru
Mar. 12-E. & A. St. Albans
13-E. & A. St. Albans
FROM SEATTLE & VANCOUVER.
Jan. 13-B. F. Philoctetes
15-N.Y.K. Tokushima Maru
23-B. F. Tyrdeus
23-N.Y.K. Aki Maru
30-B. F. Philoctetes
FROM NEW YORK.
Jan. 16-N.Y.K. Tjibodas Maru
FROM U.S.A.
Jan. 7-A.O.L. Pres. Grant
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FROM LONDON.
Jan. 8-P. & O. Malwa
13-G. L. Pembroke
21-G. L. Glenfirth
22-P. & O. Karmala
31-G. L. Glenfirth
31-P. & O. Mantua
19-P. & O. Glenfirth
23-G. L. Glenfirth
FROM LIVERPOOL.
Jan. 5-B. F. Canfa
5-B. F. Rumses
7-B. F. Persens
15-B. F. Phebus
18-B. F. Monitor
23-B. F. Rumses
30-B. F. Persens
FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.
Jan. 15-J.C.J.L. Gomma
15-N.Y.K. Hakone Maru
18-N.Y.K. Aki Maru
18-J.C.J.L. Kasidima Maru
FROM MANILA.
Jan. 6-M. M. Fontainebleau
20-M. M. D'Artagnan
3-M. M. Angkor
17-M. M. Porthos
8-M. M. Andro Lebon
FROM HAMBURG.
Jan. 30-N. L. Fulda
Feb. 27-N. L. Dordinger
Mar. 27-N. L. Teller
Apr. 24-N. L. Sarbroucken
May 23-N. L. Oebels
June 19-N. L. Anshalt
July 17-N. L. Fulda
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Jan. 10-E. A. Kina
12-E. A. Kina
18-E. A. Chille
18-E. A. Danmark
Mar. 5-E. A. Asia
Apr. 10-E. A. Java

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(Reuter's Service.)
London, Jan. 1.
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SHEANDOAH ECHO.
FINDINGS OF THE NAVAL COURT.
(Reuter's American Service.)
New York, Jan. 1.
The Naval Court which has been engaged into the disaster to the ship "Shendoah" found that its final destruction was due to large and unbalanced external aerodynamic forces. It asserts that the disaster was "part of the price which must be paid in the development of a new and hazardous art." The Court exonerates the personnel and endorses the captain's action in starting the flight when he did. It pays a tribute to his skill and courage when the vessel broke up.

SHANGHAI RIOTS.

SEQUEL TO THE COUNCIL'S ACTION.
CHEQUE RETURNED.
(Reuter's Service.)
Peking, January 1.
It is semi-officially reported that the Waichiaopu has wired the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Shanghai instructing him to return the Municipal Council's cheque for \$75,000 sent for distribution among the relatives of the victims of the shooting affair on May 30.

BANK RECORD.

STRIKING INCREASE IN CLEARINGS.
EFFECT OF NEW ISSUES.
(Reuter's Service.)
London, Jan. 1.
In spite of trade conditions a record was broken in last year's bank clearings, which totalled £40,437,000,000, an increase of £904,000,000. The annual statement attributes the increase to signs of an increase in the commercial banking turnover, also to the increase in the new issues especially after the embargo on overseas loans was removed. The new issues totalled 224, an increase of twelve over those in 1924.

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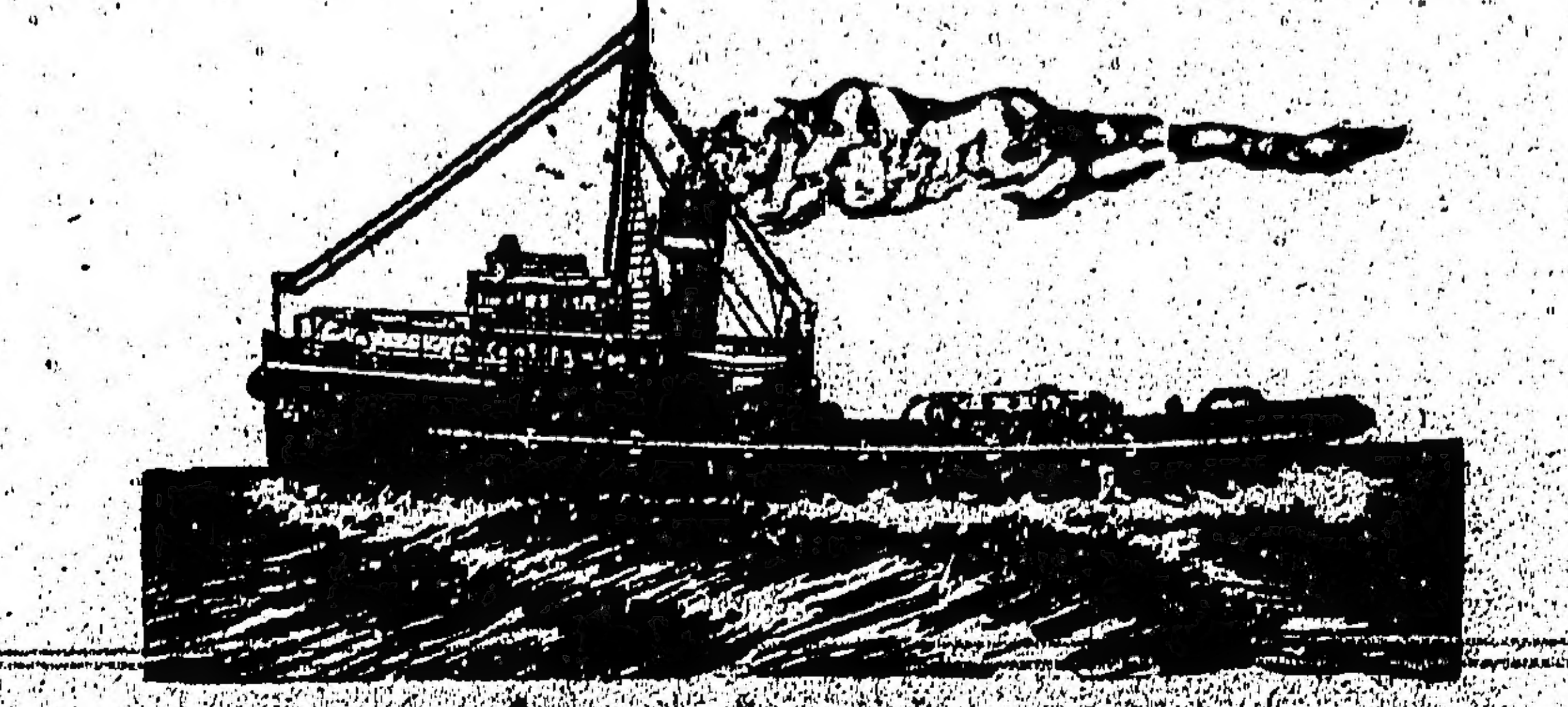
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TAMBA MARU..... Saturday, 9th January.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
MISHIMA MARU..... Sunday, 10th January.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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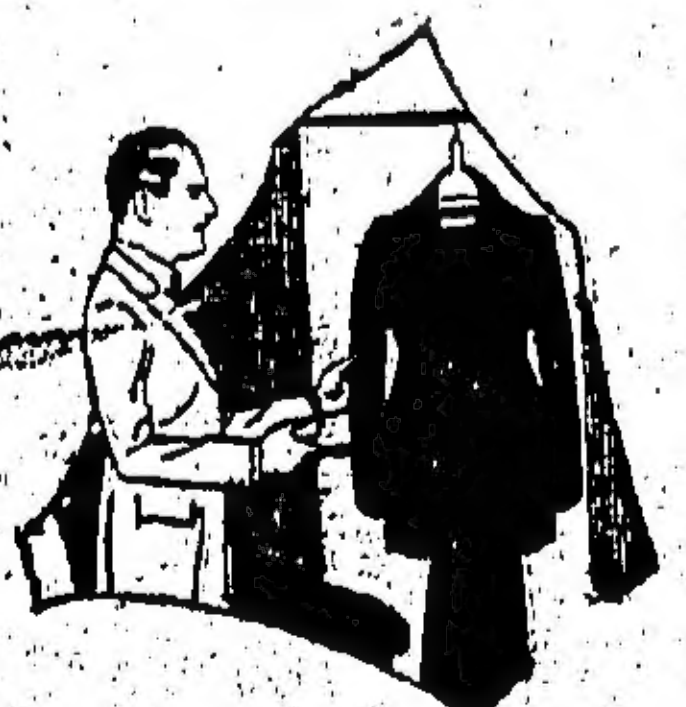
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BIRTH.

REID.—At the Peak Hospital, on
December 31, to Jean, wife of
Douglas Reid, a son.

Hongkong, Monday, January 4, 1926.

THE HOTEL FIRE.

That the chief social centre of the Colony should have suffered Friday's ordeal is a matter too serious to pass without searching inquiry. Already strong criticism has been directed against certain aspects of the outbreak, and feeling is that this criticism will increase rather than diminish as the full facts are brought to light. Nobody who watched Friday's events can fail to agree that the Fire Brigade was disastrously under-staffed for the task it was called upon to perform. This task by common consent was utterly beyond its compass, and but for the heroic aid of the navy and army men, there is no doubt in the words of Mr. Walter J. Hawker, Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., the results of the outbreak, serious as they are, would have been terrible in the extreme. That the Fire Brigade was so unequal to the task cannot be blamed to its responsible officers. The Superintendent, Mr. H. T. Brooks, worked with tireless energy and unwavering example in the face of every discouragement. His lieutenants were equally active—but their numbers were so woefully inadequate. The result of this was at times little short of tragic. Did some band of enthusiastic helpers connect the wrong hoses—Mr. Brooks was there in person to remedy the fault. Did the motor fire engine have to be driven from Pedder Street into Des Voeux Road Central to deal with a critical new twist of the fire it was Mr. Brooks who jumped into the seat beside the driver, took the wheel himself, and drove to the required spot. Undoubtedly in this way Mr. Brooks obtained results which would never have been obtained had he not been such a model of personal activity. But it is disgraceful that the Superintendent himself should be called upon to perform tasks which important as they are, are not the proper business of a fireman. The Super-

intendent should have at his command a sufficient number of responsible men able to supervise all such matters so as to leave their chief free for the task of directing the operations as a whole. Possibly it may be agreed that even so the efforts to cope with Friday's outbreak could not have been directed better. If we accept that view it is with the reservation that the credit must be given solely to the individual and not to the system, for it is not difficult to imagine occasions when the greatest efforts of the individual must be utterly inadequate before the magnitude of the task. This defect in the present staffing of the Fire Brigade throwing so much on the shoulders of a man whose duty it should be to conduct the strategy of the fight, instead of having to link hoses and drive fire engines as well, is only one of the grave matters that call for immediate reform. Lack of space to-day compels us to leave the matter there for the moment, but we shall certainly take the first opportunity to draw attention to the other defects in the present system which Friday's outbreak emphasized in such startling manner.

THE GOLDEN RULE.

More and more with regard to capital and labour it is being realised that united they stand, divided they fall. More and more is it being realised that when both have each other's interests at heart, success and contentment follow. Cadbury's, Lever's and Rowntree's in England bear this out, and the Ford works in America. The old suspicion of exploitation is dying out—slowly—and a newer heaven is being ushered in. In a speech which gained his country's applause the British premier spoke of the days when masters and men were friends; when the masters knew each man and co-operation resulted from the foreman to the apprentice. That ideal has been lost somewhere in the antagonism which crept in, born of suspicion and distrust, based at times on events which warranted such. The sinner elements in the ranks of Labour have done much to foster a spirit or a desire for evolution instead of revolution. We have the institutions already mentioned and there is also the growing spirit of co-operation. Methods which tend to this happy state of affairs are to be encouraged. The latest halls from America in the promotion of an organisation to "promote pleasant and profitable relations between employee, customer, manufacturer and competitor"—a wide range indeed. One of the main points is that arbitration is to be accepted "as the better way to settle disputes." All subscribers to the code are to "strive by all lawful means to co-operate in raising the standards of the industry by securing adoption of uniform trade practices of a universally beneficial character." This particular code has been nine years in the process of development, and some paragraphs of it are worth reproduction.

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If business men are willing to carry on their operations on lines of such high ideals, it is easy to imagine the resulting benefit to them and the particular industry concerned and those employed in it, and to realise that one step nearer a new heaven has been made. If a man is willing to ennoble his business dealings, it is quite certain he will ennoble them in whatever circumstances he may find himself. The Golden Rule adopted in business will find itself adopted in everyday life. Generally adopted in everyday life it will be adopted in business. A good start then for the New Year is the adoption of this Golden Rule.

A Sad Beginning.

Hongkong is not alone with its sad beginning of a New Year. Five European countries have been laid under toll by disastrous floods, assuming in Holland the nature of a national catastrophe. From Pensacola in Florida, comes tidings of an explosion of a retort, resulting in at least a dozen deaths, the bodies being horribly mutilated; and a message from the Indian Native State of Patiala reports a tragedy arising from an express train smashing a lorry containing the Maharani's female attendants and two of her female cousins. Nearer the Colony—in Chihli—thousands of homes have been devastated as the outcome of the Chinese civil war; "Little" Hsu has been assassinated; and a Japanese steamer has been wrecked, although fortunately not attended by loss of life. Truly a tragic commencement for a New Year! Rejoicing has been short-lived. The call for sympathy is great. In the whole chapter of disasters will be found eloquent reminders of the symbols of mortality: of the everlasting truism that "in the midst of life we are in death"; that, however joyously we enter upon the festivities of a New Year, grim reminders are inevitable of the brevity of life. The moralist is not generally regarded as the possessor of cheerfulness; but he cannot altogether be dispensed with in any review of a unique record of tragedies in almost every part of the civilised world.

OBITUARY.

MR. DENMAN FULLER.

News has been received in the Colony of the death at a nursing home at Bournemouth on Christmas Day of Mr. Denman Fuller, for many years organist of St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong. The late Mr. Denman had suffered considerably for some years and had undergone many operations after he left Hongkong three years ago owing to reasons of ill-health. Whilst in Hongkong, he prominently identified himself with all movements for the provision in the Colony of good music and gave many recitals at St. John's Cathedral for the improvement of the fine organ there. The late Mr. Fuller had numerous private pupils whilst in Hongkong for the piano and singing and for some years was custodian of the City Hall and curator of the museum library. Deceased was 45 years of age, and unmarried, but is believed to be survived by his mother to whom the sincere sympathy of all the deceased gentleman's friends in Hongkong will be extended in her bereavement.

THEY SAY THAT—

There is not a single member of this House who has not the blood of half-a-dozen different races who came into this country as immigrants at one time or another.—Col. Wedgwood, M.B.

I fear that even the Socialist may become Conservative.—Mr. Wheatley.

It ought to be as ignominious to let a marriage go to pieces as for a captain to lose his ship.—Miss Sheila Kaye-Smith.

I have almost come to the conclusion that it is a Christian duty not to complain about the rates.—The Bishop of Chelmsford.

I think we over-estimate the wisdom of the brain.—Sir Oliver Lodge.

It is not my experience that the British workman is deteriorating.—Mr. W. L. Ritchie.

I have not heard a single gentleman about Vienna, that was called Mr. Ross, Lord.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LESSONS OF FRIDAY'S FIRE.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—With regard to the Hotel fire, whilst recriminations are useless, it is high time that the papers as professed exponents of public opinion, should expound the great dissatisfaction which the public is, and has for some time, been expressing privately.

This fire is only the latest of a series, all of which entailed great and unnecessary loss of property and some lives. It is hard to recall a single report of a fire which has not opened by saying that the firemen were handicapped at the start by lack of pressure, but when—etc., they soon got the better of it.

To come back to the Hotel fire, there are several witnesses to the fact that had there been any pressure at all on the 4th and 5th floors, there would have been no fire at all to speak of. The sight of willing volunteers standing impotently by, pointing empty hoses at the small flames, and watching it gradually take complete charge, was enough to make the fire fiend laugh aloud with malicious joy and glee.

We all know the supreme indifference with which the authorities here treat public opinion, and that it requires quite a number of retaining walls, for instance, to collapse before they can be persuaded to have an enquiry as to why a retaining wall does not retain; but surely there has been enough damage done to life and property by totally unnecessary fires for even Hongkong's self-complacent mandarins to begin to take notice.

A public enquiry is badly needed to fix responsibility for the present unsatisfactory state of affairs, with impartial commissioners and counsel to represent the public. Of course, we all know the eel-like propensities of Government Departments when it comes to the question of responsibility, but there are one or two leading Counsel in this Colony who could be relied on to even cope with the tergiversations of a Government Department.

Whilst on this subject, can you tell us what the objection is to installing a salt-water reservoir and pumping station on the Peak, and using it for not only fires but all street-watering and flushing purposes? Why all this unnecessary waste of water, when every year there is a shortage, and not much prospect of conditions changing?

Also what happens in the rider-main district if a fire is inconsiderate enough to start during prohibited hours? Finally, if no one else will take up this question of fires in Hongkong, could not the head-offices in England or America be informed of the state of affairs here, and how much money they are paying out on account of this?

Yours, etc.,

HONGKONG, Jan. 2, 1926.

HOTELS' THANKS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I beg you to be so kind as to permit me on behalf of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., to give expression in your columns to the thanks of this Company for the splendid services rendered by so many willing helpers during the fire that occurred in the Hongkong Hotel on the 1st instant. The Fire Brigade, the Police, the Navy, the Army, Government officials, Hospital and Ambulance services, Boy Scouts—all were represented, and everybody worked strenuously at the task of overcoming the fire. Had such assistance not been readily forthcoming, there is no doubt but that the results of the outbreak, serious as they are, would have been terrible in the extreme. It is with the deepest sympathy that the death of one heroic helper has to be recorded, and no words can express our heartfelt regret for the loss of the gallant seaman.

To all who so generously assisted in the time of trouble, the Company is deeply indebted and sincerely grateful.—I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,
WALTER J. HAWKER,
Manager.

HONGKONG, January 3, 1926.

WELL DONE!

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Absolutely splendid was the phrase summing up the admiration of the thousands of on-lookers who watched the progress of the Hongkong Hotel fire for the splendid work put in by the sailors, soldiers and police in their endeavour to suppress the disastrous conflagration. When Vice-Admiral Sir

SHANGHAI FRAGMENTS.

ACCOUNTANT SHOT IN HOTEL.

"BEHAVING STRANGELY."

There was a tragic happening at the Burlington Hotel, Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, on Christmas Eve, resulting in the death of Mr. Wallace Powell, an accountant who for some time past has been in the employ of Messrs. S. J. David & Co. Mr. Powell and his wife had been residents in the hotel for nearly a year past. They had ordered dinner to be served in their room on Thursday and the table had been laid when one of the boys, thinking Mr. Powell was behaving somewhat strangely, went to inform Mr. R. W. MacCabe, the manager.

The boy scarcely had left when, it is said, Mr. Powell picked up a loaded revolver and shot himself in the head. A lady in an adjoining room heard Mrs. Powell's cries and rushed in, finding Mr. Powell on the floor, bleeding profusely and Mrs. Powell in a state of collapse. Medical aid promptly was summoned and the police informed, and Mr. Powell was removed with all haste to the General Hospital. For a time there were hopes that he would recover, but early on Christmas morning he collapsed and died. Mr. G. W. King, H.M. Coroner, opened an inquest on Boxing Day and after taking evidence of identification ordered an adjournment for further investigation.

Mr. Powell served in the war and it is understood that his health suffered as a consequence. He further had been considerably worried of late over personal business matters.

A budding poet stood gazing at the stars. "Ah," said his friend, "I suppose you are meditating a sonnet or a set of verses to go with the music of the spheres?"

"No," said the poet, "but it pleases me to look upward to a region where nothing is ever crowded out for want of space!"

"Do you know," said the young prodigal, "I've never run out of money from the time I went away, and when you gave me that lucky farthing?"

"Well, well," beamed the happy father, "I'm so pleased to hear that! I'm pleased you've got some of the old stuff in you, George; I'd rather feared it would be otherwise."

"No," replied George, with emphasis, "I've always kept the bottle!"

took command of the Naval parties, consisting of sailors and marines from practically every British warship in port. It was seen how determined and keen were the efforts of the sailors to win a victory over the devouring element.

There was a subdued feeling of poignant grief when the huge crowd saw Able Seaman Batchelor, in his gallant attempt to break open some shutters, slip off a ledge on the first floor of the hotel and fall in the alleyway. His comrades rushed to Batchelor's assistance. It was soon discovered that the young sailor was seriously injured, both his arms and legs being broken. He was promptly removed to the Naval Hospital and received the best surgical attention, but his injuries were beyond human aid and Batchelor passed away to his rest in the early hours of this morning, thus adding another glorious deed to the pages of the gallantry of the British Navy.

Now it may be asked what the Colony and those who were most vitally interested in yesterday's disaster intend doing to mark their tangible appreciation of the sacrifice of a valued young life, given up in a cause not immediately connected with his duty. It is true that Able Seaman Batchelor leaves a young widow to mourn his untimely death, the duty becomes all the more pressing and imperative on the part of the Colony to show its practical sympathy.

No words can fittingly express the unfeigned admiration for the splendid work put in by all units and by every branch of the Services in an endeavour to minimise the destructive progress of New Year's day's fire. And it is fitting that some adequate means be found to record the Colony's appreciation of the splendid services rendered in a disaster that will go down among the biggest in point of material loss in the history of Hongkong.

Yours, etc.,

J. P. B.
HONGKONG, January 2, 1926.

GREAT FLOODS.

SEVERAL DUTCH DAMS BURST.

DAMAGED IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 4.

The burgomaster of Maastricht has sought the assistance of the military in connection with floods caused by the overflowing of the Meuse.

Train services between Maastricht and Liege are completely interrupted, and Saavergent, Zaventem, Gouda and Zolle and several other places are partially inundated, while the village of Nymegen is completely isolated.

It is feared that the dyke near Ravesteyn will collapse.

A division of Marines has been sent to Nymegen to render assistance.

SITUATION CRITICAL.

Amsterdam, January 2.

The dyke on the River Meuse, near Cuyck, has collapsed and torrents of water are rushing into the eastern part of the Province of Friesland. The situation is most critical.

GOVERNMENT ACTION.

Amsterdam, January 2.

The Government is hurrying men and material to the inundated regions.

All military and naval leave has been stopped.

GREAT CATASTROPHE.

Amsterdam, January 2.

Floods in the districts of the Rivers Meuse, Wind, Rhine and IJssel have assumed the character of a great catastrophe. Railway dykes have collapsed in several places and in others are threatening to do so.

The damage is so serious that it will be months before railway traffic can be resumed.

Several villages have been practically evacuated and cattle transferred to the higher land.

The authorities are working day and night to assist the population.

QUEEN'S CONCERN.

Amsterdam, January 3.

A message from the Hague states that Queen Wilhelmina and the Prince Consort, the Vice-President of the Dutch Red Cross Society, have left to inspect the damage from floods in the provinces of Gelderland and Friesland.

A message from Nymegen, Holland, states that their Majesties visited the inundated regions in a boat, followed by a second boat loaded with foodstuffs for distribution to the population.

IN BELGIUM.

The whole region between the Rivers Meuse and Waal is at present flooded. Military and Police, in boats, are rescuing the peasant families from the attics of farm-houses. The roads, railways and dykes are crowded with people, who have fled from their homes, leaving all their property behind.

8,000 HOUSES ABANDONED.

Brussels, January 2.

The King of the Belgians and several of his Ministers visited the inundated regions.

The Minister of Labour has telegraphed unemployment pay to the flooded districts and is considering the possibility of requisitioning thousands of pumps throughout the country and concentrating them in the flooded areas. Over 8,000 houses at Liege are under water.

The Government is taking urgent measures to cope with the disaster.

NATIONAL FUND.

Brussels, January 2.

The Belgian newspapers and the Belgian Red Cross Society have opened a National Fund to aid victims of the floods, which constitute a national disaster.

RIVER RECORD.

London, January 3.

Germany is still affected by the floods throughout the continent.

A cable from Cologne states that the Rhine has registered a record of 31½ feet above normal. The water has reached the third floor of some houses bordering the river. Traffic and business at the markets is suspended. Quantities of furniture and other wreckage are swirling down the stream. Losses are estimated at millions of marks.

A later message from Cologne reports that the level of the Meuse and Rhine has risen a further 20 inches in the last 24 hours.

The streets of Venlo are flooded with 40 inches of water, and Utrecht is under water.

TRAFFIC HALTED.

London, January 2.

Owing to the widespread floods in

PEKING CABINET.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE IN NEAR FUTURE.

HOLIDAYS IMPEDE BUSINESS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Jan. 3.

Owing to the New Year holidays, the new Cabinet Ministers have not yet taken up their duties. No mandates are being issued. All the vernacular papers are taking at least four days' holiday.

The new Chihli Tupan, Sun Yueh, has wired to the Government, asking for \$200,000 for the relief of those whose homes were devastated in the recent fighting.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE.

The Government is reported to be contemplating the convening of a Peking Conference, to which the principal military leaders will be invited to send delegates.

Invitations will be sent to Chang Tse-hua and Wu Pei-fu.

PESSIMISTIC.

Peking, January 1.

Chinese circles report that Tuan Chi-jui is pessimistic regarding the situation owing to the death of Hsu Shu-cheng, and is desirous of retiring shortly. Some vernacular papers state that he is retiring on January 16.

MARITIME CUSTOMS.

Peking, Jan. 1.

The China Maritime Customs' revenue for 1925 amounts in round figures to Tls. 89,865,000, an increase of Tls. 279,000 compared with 1924.

The sterling equivalent of the 1925 collection, at an average exchange of 3/5½ approximates 212,190,000, compared with 212,741,000 in 1924, at an average exchange of 3/7½-16. The principal increase is at Tientsin and Chingwangtao, Tls. 1,536,000, and the principal decrease at Shanghai, Tls. 1,524,000.

The total collection at Shanghai was Tls. 26,023,000.

The revenue from the Native Customs, under the control of the Inspector-General, amounts to Tls. 4,746,000, equalling 2328,000 at an average exchange of 3/5½. This shows an increase of Tls. 494,700.

All the foreign loans, indemnity and obligations secured on the Customs Revenue (including the service for the Reorganisation Loan) have been met or covered in full.

All domestic loan obligations, of which the loan service is under the management of the Inspector-General, also were met in full.

It is to be noted, however, that redemption payments of the Consolidated Debt are one year in arrears of schedule.

CHEAPER PAPER.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Jan. 1.

As a result of experiments in substituting the wood of eucalyptus for spruce as a material for making newsprint paper, the University of Wisconsin has made paper from eucalyptus grown at Sao Paulo, Brazil, which is said to have excellent printing quality and to be strong enough to be used on high speed presses.

It is estimated that such paper can be produced at about half the cost of the present imported variety and it is expected that the new invention will bring paper manufacture into prominence in Brazil. Eucalyptus grows readily in California, New Mexico, Arizona and Florida.

England, many football and hockey matches were cancelled.

The Thames has overflowed its banks in several places and is still rising. Many bungalows in Sunbury and Chertsey are cut off and boats are being employed to deliver goods.

HURRICANE DAMAGE.

London, January 3.

Grains and storms over Europe are causing serious floods in many places. An eighty-five mile per hour hurricane swept over Britain last night causing much damage. Telegraph and telephone services are interrupted.

EARLIER CABLEGRAMS.

Amsterdam, Jan. 1.

Rivers in the Netherlands continue to rise. The flooded area is estimated now at over ten thousand acres but hitherto no lives have been lost. The town of Venlo is completely flooded. The Queen yesterday left for Nymegen to inspect the immense damage.

Floods are extending into the provinces in some places assuming serious proportions. Several million francs damage has been caused in the region of Gers, Normandy. Thousands of workmen have been rendered idle in the North East owing to the necessity of clearing the roads.

BRITISH MISSION.

LEAVING SHORTLY FOR CHINA.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 3.

Lord Willingdon may head the British Delegation of three persons to China, leaving early in 1926, to discuss the utilisation of the British share of the Boxer Indemnity to benefit China.

The "Sunday Times" says that in addition to Lord Willingdon, the Reverend W. E. Southall and Dame Adelaide Anderson, D.B.E., have been invited to join the Mission to China.

[An earlier cablegram stated:—The "Daily News" understands that the British Commission formerly shadowed a few months ago by Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, will shortly proceed to China to confer with the Chinese authorities regarding the allocation of the balance of the Boxer indemnity. Lord Willingdon is mentioned as head of the delegation.]

WORLD FINANCE.

LAWYER'S ADVICE TO THE U.S.A.

(Harris Agency.)

Paris, January 3.

A New York message to the Paris edition of the "New York Herald" states that the international lawyer, Mr. Owen Young, addressing a meeting of the American Economic Association, said that it is more important for the United States to restore the world's currencies and keep them secure from fluctuations than to collect her foreign debts.

VESSEL WRECKED.

LAND THE PASSENGERS SAVED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Beihang, January 3.

The Japanese steamer "Tehyang" bound for Chungking, has been wrecked.

The decks are under water; but the passengers have been saved.

MORE DARING.

PEARL ROPES AS "CLOTHING."

EVENING WEAR.

More pearls and still briefer clothes are to be worn in the evenings this winter by the smartest women.

Underclothing is reduced to one garment. Skirts are cut well above the knee, and are slit at intervals.

Bodices begin from the waist at the back, and are but little higher in front, while no sleeves are worn, and the arm-holes are scooped low.

To cover up the bare spaces ropes upon ropes of pearls are worn, real and artificial being frequently mingled upon the same wearer.

Pearl garters cover up bare knees, stockings being rolled down below the knee. Four-inch wide pearl bracelets adorn the arms.

Ropes and large plaques are hung down the back, and leg bracelets are even being worn on the thigh.

Frequently a band of pearls about 2in. wide is worn Empire fashion under the armpits beneath a diaphanous dress.

SLAPPING FOR COMPLEXIONS.

In startling contrast to her evening wear woman in the daytime is muffled up to the eyes. The newest collars on day dresses are six inches deep and are stiffened by small strips of steel. Sleeves come down to the knuckles, and closely fitting bodices of thick materials are in great favour.

Coat-of-mail jinkies, reminiscent of the Middle Ages, and made like them of steel mesh, are very smart over black velvet skirts. Some women are using silver mesh bags to form collars and cuffs after this mode.

To acquire the rosy and fresh complexion that look so charming with the hard hats and high collars of the winter Parisiennes are undergoing a new slapping treatment.

This consists of a brisk slapping of the cheeks by the hands encased in gloves of the roughest leather material.

The gloves, which are sometimes lined with hard "thorn" made of rubber, are first dipped in an astringent lotion.

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SEAMAN'S FUNERAL.

TOKENS OF ADMIRATION AND REGRET.

YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY.

The representative attendance at the funeral of A. B. Batchelor, late of H.M.S. "Hawkins," who died as a result of injuries sustained in the fire was significant of the feelings of admiration among all sections of the community at the gallant work which he in common with many other voluntary helpers had been performing when the regrettable incident took place.

A full naval funeral was accorded the deceased, whose remains were laid to rest yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley. The coffin was draped in the Union Jack and left the Naval Hospital followed by mourners from the "Hawkins." The cortege was preceded by the band from the flagship, which also provided the firing party.

The Rev. Scott (Chaplain, H.M.S. "Hawkins") and Rev. Hamilton (Chaplain, H.M.S. "Titanic") jointly officiated.

There was a large attendance of Naval officers and many civilians. Among those attending were Capt. W. J. C. Lake (Chief of Staff), Pay Com. A. C. Roe, Comdr. Gunner H. F. Budden, Comdr. C. W. Bower, D.S.O., Lieut. Edmondstone, and Comdr. W. Pott, (officers of the H.M.S. "Hawkins"), the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Miss Dorothy Holyoak, Comdr. Williams, R.N., Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. M. F. Key (representing the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce), Mr. P. Condon (representing the Hongkong Fire Brigade), Mr. G. Saunders (representing the Kowloon Fire Brigade), Mr. May and Mr. W. E. Hollands (representing the Hongkong Football Association), members of the crews of the various ships in port, members of various local clubs and many others.

The Wreaths.

There was a large number of floral tributes sent, among them the following: His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), and Lady Clementi, Vice-Admiral Sir E. Alexander Sinclair, K.C.B., M.V.O., (Commander-in-Chief of the China Station), Capt. Lake, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. J. H. Taggart (Managing Director of the Hotels Company), W. J. Hawker (Manager of the Hotels Company), "A Sorrowful Spectator," Mr. and Mrs. G. Morrison, Capt. Brewer and W. T. Hayle, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Inspector Blake (Sanitary Department).

The Torpedo Men of H.M.S. "Hawkins," Commissioned Warrant and Warrant Officers, Gunroom Officers, Wardroom Officers, his Messmates, Forecastle Mess-deck, Stokers, Cooks, the Quarter-deckmen, Chief Stokers and Mechanic Mess, Petty Officers 44 Mess, Shipwrights, the Artisans Mess, Ship's Company, Marine Detachment and Band, Chief Petty Officers Mess, his Topmates of No. 8 Mess, his Topmates of No. 10 Mess, 54 and 55 Messes, from Old Shipmates No. 6 Mess.

Ship's Company, H.M.S. "Bluebell," No. 2 Mess, H.M.S. "Petersfield," No. 3 Mess, H.M.S. "Petersfield," Chief and Petty Officers, H.M.S. "Petersfield," Officers and Crew, H.M. Tug "Cherub," No. 1 Mess, H.M.S. "Petersfield," Communications Department, the officers and all ranks, 6th Battalion, 2nd Punjab Regiment, Officers of the Royal Artillery.

Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., the Manager and Staff of the Hongkong Hotels, Ltd., Shanghai Staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Manager and Staff of the Repulse Bay Hotel, the Directors and Hongkong Staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

Fire Insurance Company, President and Members of the Wayfoong Mess, Members of the Hongkong Football Club, Civil Service Cricket Club, Royal Naval Yard Police, Dockyard Recreation Club, Police Recreation Club, Garrison Recreation Club, European Members of the Fire Brigade, Yaumatei Police Station, the Sick Berth Staff of the Royal Naval Hospital and the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong bearing the epitaph "To one of Britain's Heroes."

Willie was five years old and went to church every Sunday with some other small boys, each one having a penny. But one Sunday he went to church with his mother and when the collection was being taken up, he asked:

"Mrs. have you got a penny?"

"No," said his mother.

"Then take mine. I'll get under the seat."

Mistress: What? Want to leave to-night, Sarah, and you only came this morning?

Maid: Well, you see, you're the fourth master I've had this year, and you're unkindly.

Mistress: Why, then, did you come?

Maid: 'Cause I had to 'ave' a thirteenth. I leaves to-night morn'!

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PREHISTORIC BONES.

THE DAMAGE TO THE OXFORD REMAINS.

The prehistoric remains discovered in the Deer Park, at Magdalen College, Oxford, were described by Mr. R. T. Gunther, Curator of the Lewis Evans Collection of Scientific Instruments, in an interview with a representative of the "Morning Post."

"Some time ago I was informed," Mr. Gunther said, "that the grave-diggers had found some petrified bones. I found at the spot the end of a mammoth tusk. Fragments of blackened bones and complete molar teeth, however, indicated that there had once been a complete skull at the spot. The tusk is now in the College Library."

"A little while later digging was again commenced, but I received no news of it until several bones had been found and broken up or damaged by the workmen. I was able, however, to identify several of the relics, including a beautifully preserved specimen of the lower jaw of a bear. A small sum of money was granted by the College authorities for further investigation. The workmen, however, could not be restrained from trying to extricate the bones whole, usually with disastrous effects. Thus much evidence of great value was undoubtedly destroyed. It is my opinion that the fragments, which might have had inestimable value, have now no meaning."

DISCOVERIES IN LONDON.

Professor Elliot Smith appeals for the more careful handling of all material excavated from building sites and elsewhere, in order that the remains of prehistoric animal life may be preserved for expert examination.

"Although much," he said, "has been said and written with reference to the excavations for the rebuilding of London, it has not yet been pointed out with sufficient emphasis that there may be passing through the hands of the excavators daily remains or fragments which would be of the highest value to the anthropologist. It should be realised that the present diggings in various parts of the city in many cases go down to gravel beds which may be expected to contain similar remains to those of the Deer Park at Oxford. If those concerned with the direction of the work of excavation could give a little attention to the matter, it is almost certain that there would be brought to light many discoveries of an interest as great as that which attaches to the Lloyds skull."

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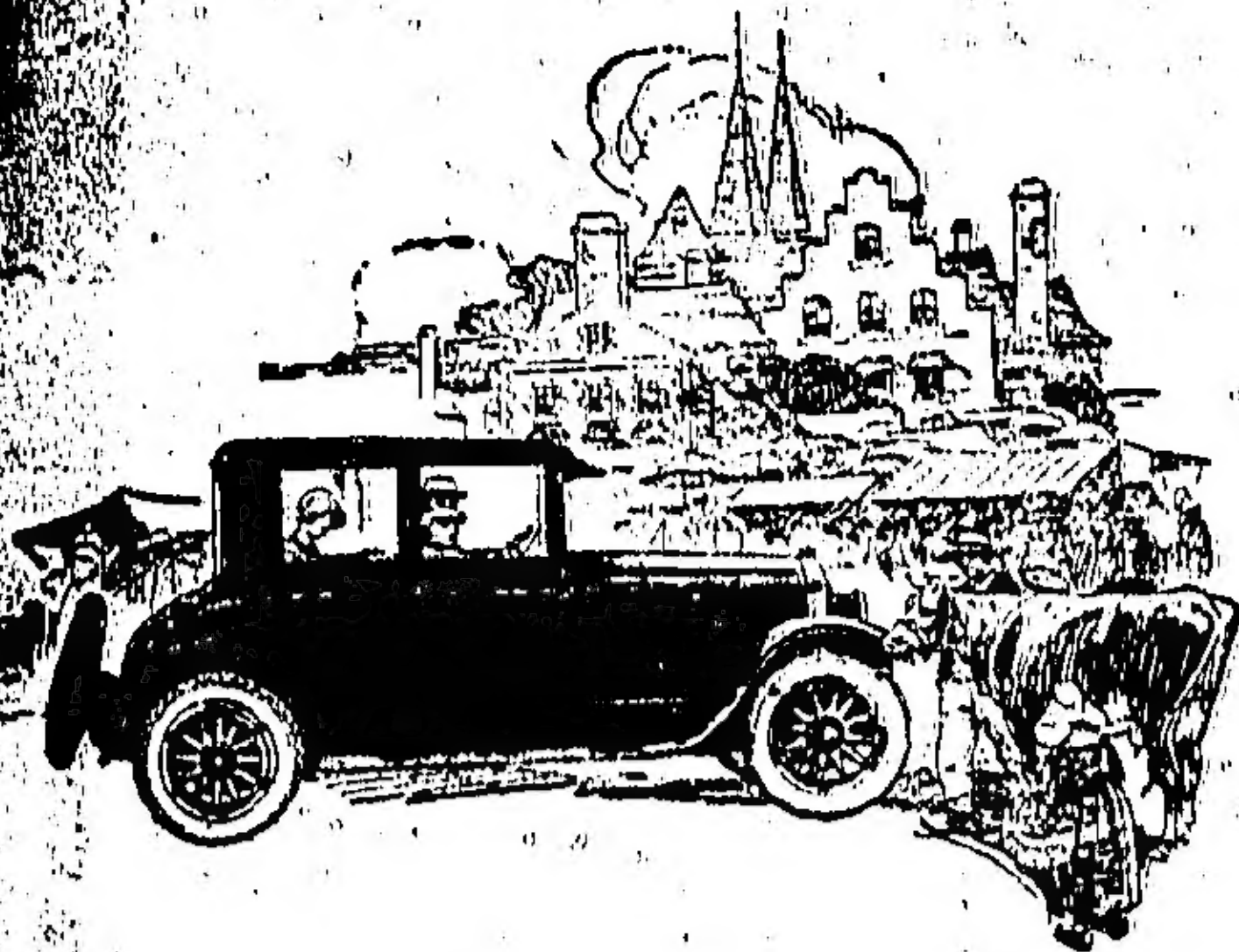
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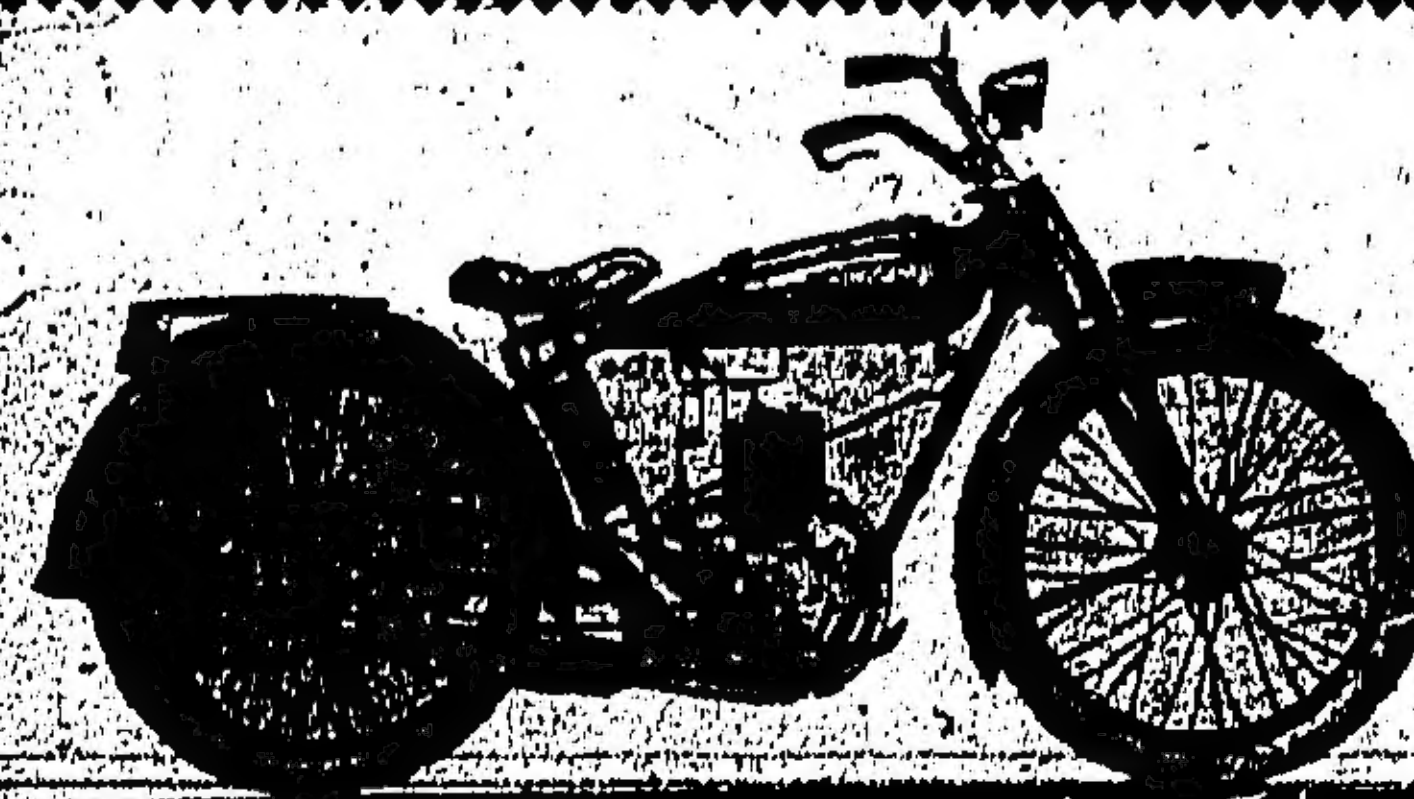
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The Hongkong Tramways Limited, announce that, from the 1st inst., monthly tickets will not be available on the special late cars leaving a terminus after 12 midnight. The ordinary fare must be paid on such cars.

Italy has made a drastic reply to those who thought she could not pay her war debts. Having already tendered her first payment with a cheque for \$5,000,000 to be collected in June, she has now borrowed \$100,000,000, cash down, thus becoming more than able to meet it.

A monument to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the reign of King Victor Emmanuel has been unveiled in the courtyard of the San Silvestro Palace, the central post office, in the presence of representatives of the Government, the army, the navy and the postal and telegraphic services. The monument was erected by the men of the postal and telegraphic services.

Misses Vernon & Smyth in their weekly share report state:—

Hongkong, December 31, 1924.

During the period under review, the Local Share Market has been on a very small scale. Stocks generally have not altered much but there appears a note of better activity. At the close of last week's trading, the majority but with a little exception, as has been shown during the last few days, the market shows a few more buying rates and in consequence sellers are holding off. The instance may be quoted when "Banks" were \$10.75, sellers on 18th instant very little business was done and the rate dropped to \$9.80, buyers came in and shares rose to \$10.50.

Since the settlement in Shanghai on 26th instant which is said to be the biggest on record, the market naturally has been much easier, there is still unlimited confidence in "Rubber" there and a brisk market is anticipated, the tone generally is good.

The Singapore Market both for "Tin" and "Rubber" has had a set back and business passing is on a reduced scale, our telegrams, however, of 30th instant show a better tone, the Raw Material has advanced to \$1.55 per lb.

Thirteen million people are stated to be more or less affected by famine at the present time in the province of Hupeh.

The number of men employed at the present time at the Liverpool docks, and the amount of wages being paid, are stated to be larger than in any previous period in the past five years.

According to the "Dancing Times" just received from London by Miss Doris Woods, the tango is much in evidence and is included on all dance programmes. Private letters also received state that "the tango is all the rage and is to be seen at all the big dances."

A most unusual incident is reported by the Rome correspondent of the "Daily Mail." A hydroplane swimming the surface of the Gulf of Spezia, on October 23, struck the periscope of a submerged submarine. The hydroplane turned turtle, but its occupants were uninjured. The submarine's periscope was knocked off, and the commander at once brought his craft to the surface.

Paris pedestrians have formed a Pedestrians' Protective Association sworn to break down the "tyranny of 60,000 chauffeurs and taxi-drivers over 4,000,000 free citizens of Paris." The organisation has announced that it will work to aid and protect the pedestrian and to enact laws to bring guilty automobile drivers to justice. Headquarters have been opened in the Boulevard Malesherbes.

"The ability of the human imagination to see what it thinks it ought to see is astonishing," says Dr. William Beebe, the zoologist, describing his underwater tours near Galapagos in an article in the "December Harpers." As long as my book-and-legend-induced fear of sharks dominated, I saw them as sinuous, crafty, cruel-mouthed, sneering. When I came at last to know them for harmless scavengers, all these characteristics slipped away, and I saw them as they really are—indolent, awkward, chineless cowards. This can hardly be called an improvement in the shark's reputation, but at least it makes him seem less unsocial.

German songs of the World War are to be published in a "Weltkriegsliederbuch." It will include regimental anthems, and songs of the battlefield and those of the folks at home. The project has the financial support and direction of officials of the federal archives.

Plans for a dictionary which will be American instead of English were discussed in Chicago by W. A. Craigie of the University of Oxford before the National Council of Teachers of English. Professor Craigie, who was brought from England by the University of Chicago to supervise compilation of the book, pointed out the need for such a dictionary, which would not be one of slang but of words in common use in America but not in England.

The conference under Lord Delamere, of all the British colonies in East and General Africa, opened at Tukuva in Tanganyika Territory recently. Further advice just received from East Africa state that 13 delegates will now be present, all having a semi-official status as representing their respective colonies. The question of a joint London representation and show rooms, to follow up the good will created at Wembley, is also to be considered, in addition to the political, economic, and customs co-ordination questions.

Following on the suggestion of Bruce Walker, Canada's new Emigration Commissioner in Great Britain, that part of the "dole" should be used to train potential emigrants in the rudiments of agricultural practice for Canada, the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce has been debating the question of emigration and unemployment. The conclusion was arrived at that free loans to the Overseas Dominions to facilitate their emigration schemes would require too much money, but that something on Mr. Walker's lines was more what was required. A sub-committee was appointed to report to a special meeting of the chamber on the subject. The point, which must be taken into account, is that no long as a large number have the dole they do not want to emigrate.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Rev. E. A. Bastin assumed the duties of Officiating Clergyman to the troops of the Wesleyan Denomination, Hongkong, on 1st inst.

The James Tait Memorial Prize of the value of £150 for the best biography published in Great Britain each year has been awarded to the Rev. William Wilson for his book, "The House of Airies," published in 1924 by Mr. Murray.

The Queen of Roumania is now contemplating writing her reminiscences. She has just finished her new novel, which she is calling "Ilderim: A Tale of Light and Shade." Her Majesty will be remembered as the author of "The Voice of the Mountain." She has also written a book about Roumania, called "The Country That I Love," which has been illustrated by her daughter, Elizabeth, Queen of Greece.

Lieutenant-Commander Douglas Garvey has been appointed to the command of the "Woodcock," one of the river gunboats in China, in which Lieutenant-Commander C. G. P. Jones has completed two years. Lieutenant-Commander Garvey last served in command of the Anti-Gas School at Chatham and as Superintendent of Anti-Gas Training, and was formerly in the battleship "Royal Oak." In the latter part of the war he was in command of the destroyers "Grampus" and "Napier."

During the recent municipal elections a well-known woman-worker, who is a handsome and striking figure, invariably well turned out, was addressing a crowded men's meeting in a rather rough neighbourhood, and found herself subjected to persistent "heckling" from a man in the front. "Look at your great pearl earrings," he cried, sarcastically: "will you take a profit on them?" "Quick as lightning the lady wrenched them from her ears and held them out, saying, "No, I won't take a profit on them, but I'll give them to you for your wife, for they cost me exactly seven-and-six-pence." The heckler quite undaunted, replied triumphantly, "Well, then, I'll take them for my wife."

The death has taken place at the age of 70, of Mr. Sydney Pardon, best known to the public as the editor of "Wisden's Almanack," the "cricketers's Bible." On cricket and cricket history he was the supreme authority, while in racing and the drama he also took a keen interest.

The "cruiser" "Yarmouth," which has been undergoing repairs at Portsmouth, commissioner for trials on November 17, and will pay off into dockyard control again on their completion. It has been approved for the "Yarmouth" on final completion, to be commissioned with a special Portsmouth crew, as an independent command, for her trooping trip to the China Station, completing to full complement in due course with part of the relief crew for the flagship "Hawkins."

Differences have developed between Charles Chaplin and other members of the United Artists film group over the proposed merger of releasing facilities with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Douglas Fairbanks, one of the founders of United Artists, is quoted as saying: "Charlie is kicking over the traces just as he did when United Artists first organised. He is suspicious of the proposed combine, which I am convinced is for the good of the entire industry as well as United Artists." Fairbanks expressed conviction the deal would go through anyway, but probably not before the first of the year.

The following appointments among others by the Admiralty on Nov. 19 are:—C. D. Bury, to "Yarmouth" (on commg), for service (undated), and to "Durban" (on arrival on station). Lieut. — G. J. A. Cross, to "Yarmouth" on commg, for service (undated), and for duty on passage out, and to "Titanic" for "Marathon" (on joining). Command. Eng. — J. W. Jones, to "Yarmouth" (November 18), and on commg, for trials, and to "Yarmouth" on commg, for duty on voyage out, and to "Hawkins" (from date of joining). W. Eng. — E. Williams, to "Yarmouth" for "Hawkins."

Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight boxing champion, told the Los Angeles City Council that its ordinance requiring him to pay into the civic chest \$10 a day as a licence fee for his gymnasium was a knockout blow for his cash register.

An autographed picture of the White House was presented by Mrs. Coolidge to the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church for its Christmas bazaar on December 2. The picture was auctioned. The proceeds of the bazaar will be sent to Persia for the support of a missionary sent there by the church.

On return from China with the relieved crew of H.M.S. "Carlisle," the "Weymouth," Captain H. H. Rogers, M.V.O., O.B.E., is to proceed to Devonport, and after discharging the relieved ratings to their depots, to reduce to reserve as tender to the "Thunderer." The "Weymouth" was due in England about December 17.

"Friend of Dickens" was the proud title to fame of a Londoner who has passed away at the age of ninety-eight. Percy Fitzgerald was biographer of the novelist, first president of the Dickens Fellowship and founder of the Boz Club. He numbered Thomas Carlyle and Charles Reade among his intimates. But he liked best to be known and remembered as a crony of the creator of Oliver Twist, David Copperfield, Little Nell and the rest of the immortals who are more real to the modern world than many contemporary figures.

Mr. Arthur William Watson, Principal Assistant Secretary and Director of Establishments, Ministry of Labour, was taken ill in his office at the Ministry in November. He died later in St. Thomas's Hospital. A member of the Civil Service for over twenty-eight years, Mr. Watson had been a Government official in India, as well as in the home country, and twice obtained recognition for his work, receiving the O.B.E. in 1918, the C.B.E. in 1920, and the O.B. in 1922. He was born at Newcastle, China.

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LEAGUE SOCCER.

VALLEY GAME ENDS IN DISORDER.

SPECTATORS FIGHT PLAYERS!

Spectators crossed the touch-lines in a league (division II, section B) soccer match at Happy Valley on Saturday when the South China "C" were playing the Moslem Club "A".

A player on each side had run into each other. An altercation ensued and then the row began. Order was restored, with good presence of mind, by soldier players on a neighbouring pitch but the referee abandoned the game. It was about 15 minutes after half-time that trouble broke out and the Moslem "A" led by J. Hill.

In the same section, the Moslem "B" team fielded six men against St. Joseph's College Reserves—also at Happy Valley, which incidentally, is the cradle of local football. Two goals down at the interval the Moslems refused to continue.

Several other junior fixtures did not come off, last-minute postponements prevailing.

COMPLETED GAMES.

Division I.

South China... 2 H.K.F.C. 1
Surreys... 4 "Tamar" 0
R.A. 3 Kowloon... 2
Police... 3 Club de Recreo... 1

Div. II (Sec. A).

Kowloon Res. ... 2 R.A. Res. 0

New Chinese Team.

Making several changes in their team, the Chinese seniors defeated the H.K.F.C. by the odd goal in three, thus reversing the defeat (2-0) at the Club's hands on November 7.

The teams were:—

South China:—Hui Shing-jan, Lau Yuk-ai, Ng Kam-chuen, Leung Yuk-long, Wong Sui-wai, Lam Yuk-ying, Ko Sik-wai, Leung Wing-tak, Chan So, Suen Kam-shun, Chan Kwong-ia.

H.K.F.C.:—Rodgers, Summers, Rishop, Main, Stewart, Watson, Brodie, Forsyth, Howard, McBride, Key.

Referee:—Mr. P. R. Smith. Playing steady football, the Chinese prevailed against an eleven which was only good in parts. The Club forwards did not shine as a line but Forsyth and Howard did well individually.

Chan So bent the defenders and slipped the ball back to Suen who gave his side the lead.

Before the interval Forsyth equalised for the H.K.F.C.

Through Summers miskicking Suen had an opportunity and scored from 10 yards out.

Champions Get Four.

With their vanguard in form, the Surreys (holders of the senior league championship) beat H.M.S. "Tamar" by 4 goals to nil.

Humberstone (first half), Butler (two, one from a penalty) and Charlesworth were the marksmen.

Kowloon Held Again.

At Sookumpoo, the Royal Artillery held the Kowloon seniors to a draw of 2 all.

In the second half the soldiers led by 2-1 after being in arrears.

Big guns in the artillerymen's defence kept the Kowloon forwards at bay.

Linaker scored for Kowloon in the first half and Pufford equalised. After the interval Pufford shot a second and McKelvie squared matters again.

Teams:—

R.A.:—Stanton, Trim, Moakes, Pachel, Rende, Vicars, Grew, Harris, Pufford, Wilson, Sands.

Kowloon:—Vickers, Wheeler, Urquhart, Turner, Sims, McKelvie, Taylor, McBride, Linaker, Read, Hayes.

Police Surprise Packet.

Occasional surprise sorties by the Police forwards gave the "coppers" their second league victory of the season, their victims being the Club de Recreo who were without their crack centre-forward, Gosano.

The Recreo had most of the game but failed in front of goal. Wynne and Clark again won honours in a series of rearguard actions.

In the first half Oram found the net for the Police. The second session saw McGinley put in No. 2. Then Rocha headed through for the Recreo, after a movement by Ogley and Brown. Towards the end Simpson pierced the Recreo defence and the Police won by 3 goals to 1. The teams were:—

Police:—Clark, Wynne, Taylor, Brittain, Johnson, Harle, Cornwall, McGinley, Simpson, Oram, Randle.

"HARD LUCK."

OUR INTERPORT RUGBY DEFEAT.

WEATHER HELPED SHANGHAI.

Hongkong had very hard luck not to do better, remarks the "N.C. Daily News" of the interport rugby match in which Shanghai won by 2 goals (10 points) to a try (3 points).

The arctic conditions and slippery ground and ball were obviously strange to them.

Of the backs Lammert stood out head and shoulders. He has tremendous pace, and at one time in the second half he seemed to be playing wing, half and forward all at once, and playing them all well. Hett was good in the centre and Lloyd kicked well. Foster, Middleton-Smith, and Gould were the pick of a very nice pack. Lithgow-Smith was also prominent but showed a tendency to get outside at times.

The game was much more even than the score seems to indicate, and Hongkong did extremely well to keep Shanghai down to one score in the second half when facing the wicked blast. It was very unfortunate for them that it was not another dry day. Had it been we should probably have seen another thrilling and evenly fought struggle.

The teams were:—

Hongkong:—H. J. Armstrong, full-back; A. W. Summers, M. S. Lloyd, A. S. Hett, G. P. Lammert (captain), three-quarters; L. P. Ralph, J. Noronha, half-backs; J. H. Foster, F. J. W. Pocken, G. G. Shopan-Thomson, W. R. Andrews, Lieut. Gould, D. O'Connor, G. Lithgow-Smith, and J. C. Middleton-Smith, forwards.

Shanghai:—G. D. Nicholl, full-back; D. G. Hopper, L. Goldman, G. E. Golden, G. F. H. Richard, three-quarters; J. W. King, W. D. N. Neil, half-backs; C. Greenhard-Davis (captain), A. E. Crowe, G. S. Dunkley, S. A. Grew, J. H. Raikes, J. C. Stewart, W. R. Wahl, and P. A. Watkinson, forwards.

THE "ASHES."

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST TRIAL.

THE TWO TEAMS.

(Times of Ceylon.)

Melbourne, November 19.

The teams in the cricket trial to be played at Sydney on December 1 will be as follows:—

Australia:—H. Collins (Captain), W. Oldfield, J. Gregory, J. Taylor, A. Mailey, T. Andrews and A. Kippax (New South Wales), J. Ryder, W. Rensford and J. Hendry (Victoria), and F. Hornbrook (Queensland).

The Rest of Australia:—W. Burdley (Captain), C. Macdonald, J. Scott, H. Rock and C. Kelleway (New South Wales), H. Love, W. Woodfull and D. Blackie (Victoria), C. Grimmett, V. Richardson, A. Richardson and J. Rymill (South Australia).

[Note:—As cabled by Reuter, the Rest won by over 100 runs.]

Recreio:—Fernandez, Ogley, Xavier, H. C. Remedios, R. Remedios, C. Remedios, Brown, Rocha, Silva, Fuentes, H. V. Remedios.

Kowloon Reserves Win.

On their own pitch, the Kowloon F.C. Reserves were value for their two goal victory over the Royal Artillery Reserves for whom the goalie gave a good display.

The teams were:—

K.F.C. Reserves:—Rasmussen, Knight, Guest, Oliver, Pasco, Street, Eastman, Miles, Cavielle, Brown, Morris.

R.A. Reserves:—Smeath, Whitington, Gints, Sargent, Haynes, Smith, Newham, Holland, Maddox, Brewer, Rowland.

Cavielle scored both the home team's points, once in each half.

This is the first defeat inflicted on the Gunners' reserves this season.

SOCCER FUNDS.

Out of the takings on December 19 of the Lau Wah Cup match at Sookumpoo between the Royal Navy and South China, \$300 will be given to the S.M. M.I. disaster fund and \$100 to a Canton hospital.

This is practically two-thirds of the gross proceeds, as the H.K. Football Association generously decided to defray the expenses for that day.

HOME SOCCER.

IRREGULAR SCORING AGAIN.

LEAGUE RESULTS & TABLES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 2.

League football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

Division I.

Birmingham 2, Sunderland 1.
Burnley 2, Aston Villa 3.
Bury 3, Blackburn 1.
Cardiff 2, Manchester City 2.
Leeds 2, Notts County 1.
Liverpool 0, Leicester 3.
Manchester United 2, West Ham 1.
Newcastle 6, Bolton 1.
Sheffield 1, Everton 1.
Preston 1, Arsenal 1.
West Bromwich Albion 2, Huddersfield 2.

Division II.

Garnsey 3, Oldham 4.
Bradford City 4, Chelsea 2.
Derby 3, Hull 1.
Oldham 3, The Wednesday 0.
Middlesbrough 4, Portsmouth 1.
Notts Forest 2, Darlington 0.
Port Vale 4, Clapton Orient 2.
Preston North End 1, Wolverhampton 0.
Southampton 2, Blackpool 2.
South Shields 3, Swansea 1.
Stockport 2, Stoke 1.

Division III (South).

Aberdare 8, Watford 1.
Brighton 2, Newport 1.
Exeter 3, Reading 0.
Luton 4, Merthyr 0.
Millwall 1, Crystal Palace 0.
Northampton 6, Brentford 1.
Norwich 1, Bristol City 3.
Queen's Park Rangers 0, Gillingham 1.
Southend 2, Plymouth 0.
Swindon 8, Bournemouth 2.
Bristol Rovers v. Charlton postponed, ground under water.

Division III (North).

Accrington 5, Walsall 2.
Crewe 1, Nelson 4.
Durham 2, Tranmere 1.
Halifax 2, Chesterfield 0.
Hartlepool 4, Rochdale 2.
Lincoln 0, Coventry 3.
New Brighton 2, Barrow 1.
Rotherham 2, Bradford 3.
Southport 0, Wrexham 1.
Wigan 0, Ashington 2.
Doncaster 1, Grimsby 0, when abandoned 18 minutes after half-time.

Scottish League.

Clydebank 2, St. Johnstone 0.
Cowdenbent 1, Hearts 2.
Dundee 1, Raith 1.
Falkirk 3, Motherwell 3.
Hamilton 3, Airdrieonians 4.
Hibernians 0, Aberdeen 3.
Kilmarnock 2, Dundee United 3.
Morton 0, St. Mirren 0.
Queen's Park 1, Celtic 4.
Rangers 2, Partick 1.

The tables now stand:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Arsenal	24	13	5	6	50	37	31
Huddersfield	22	10	9	3	45	35	29
Sunderland	22	12	5	5	46	35	29
Manchester U.	23	12	4	7	41	32	28
Bury	24	13	2	9	59	50	28
Sheffield U.	25	11	9	5	68	52	27
Aston Villa	24	10	7	7	45	45	27
Tottenham	24	11	5	8	48	47	27
W. Bromwich	24	11	5	8	43	42	26
Birmingham	26	11	4	11	44	40	26
Newcastle U.	24	9	7	8	50	47	25
Bolton	24	10	4	10	49	45	24
Sunderland	25	7	10	8	40	54	24
Liverpool	23	8	6	9	36	34	22
Cardiff City	25	9	3	13	37	51	21
Notts County	24	8	4	12	36	41	20
Leicester	24	7	6	11	45	51	20
Leeds U.	24	8	4	12	40	47	20
West Ham	24	9	2	13	31	51	20
Burnley	25	7	6	12	46	72	20
Blackburn	24	6	7	11	47	49	19
Wolverhampton	25	6	7	12	59	70	19

Division II.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Celtic	22	14	4	4	53	22	32
Falkirk	22	12	5	5	42	34	29
Airdrieonians	22	12	7	3	53	30	28
Motherwell	23	11	6	6	40	27	28
St. Mirren	23	12	4	7	41	38	28
Hearts	23	12	3	8	41	40	27
Rangers	23	12	2	9	45	30	26
Hamilton A.	22	10	4	8	41	39	24
Cowdenbent	22	10	4	8	52	43	23
Dundee	24	8	6	10	30	37	22
Aberdeen	24	8	5	11	35	37	21
Morton	21	8	4	9	34	37	20
Kilmarnock	22	8	4	10	41	51	20
Dundee U.	21	8	4	9	28	39	20
Hibernians	22	7	4	11	31	41	18
Raith R.	22	8	2	12	27	43	18
Partick	21	5	7	9	37	43	17
St. Johnstone	22	7	3	12	23	44	17
Clydebank	22	5	4	13	35	51	16
Queen's Park	22	6	1	15	33	54	14

RUGBY IN RAIN.

SCOTLAND'S VICTORY OVER FRANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Jan. 2.

Colombes was packed to capacity when, in a drizzling rain and on a heavy ground, Scotland beat France at international rugby by 20 points to 6.

Forty thousand people watched the game.

The Scots' victory was well merited. They dominated the game in all departments, more especially the three-quarters and forwards.

A sensational start saw Gillies score a penalty goal in the first minute.

Shortly afterwards Wallace scored a try.

Near the interval Wallace scored another try.

At half-time, Scotland led by 9 points to nil.

On the resumption, McMyn scored an unconverted try within a minute.

From the line-out Wallace scored another unconverted try.

Ribeyre got over the Scotch line but the try was disallowed.

Then Gomet picked up, ran strongly for forty yards, and gained an unconverted try for France.

Soon afterwards, in a forward rush, Maury (France) scored an unconverted try. The French continued to press for a time but met a very sound defence.

A minute from the finish, Bannerman, securing from the scrum, scored a try which was converted by Drysdale.

Scotland thus won by 1 goal, 1 penalty goal and 4 tries (20 points) to 2 tries (6 points).

Division III.

Southern Section.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Plymouth	22	13	6	3	62	33
Reading	23	11	8	4	37	27
Bristol C.	23	12	5	6	42	28
Brighton	22	12	4	6	51	28
Northants	22	11	4	7	46	26
Millwall	22	10	5	7	40	24
Southend	22	12	1	9	47	36
Swindon	23	10	5	8	42	35
Gillingham	22	10	4	8	32	26
Watford	22	9	5	8	37	45
Merthyr	23	7	7	8	35	38
Norwich	23	8	5	10	30	38
Exeter	23	8	4	11	44	47
Luton	23	8	4	11	38	46
Newport	22	7	6	9	27	38
Bristol R.	22	8	3	11	35	31
Charlton	20	5	9	10	29	10
Aberdare	22	7	5	10	35	46
Bournemouth	22	6	11	11	29	53
Crystal P.	22	7	2	13	38	45
Brentford	22	7	2	13	31	51
Q. P. R.	22	4	6	12	21	39

Division III.

Northern Section.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bradford	23	15	3	5	51	30
Rochdale	22	12	5	5	50	30
Nelson	22	10	8	4	51	26
Grimsby	21	11	5	5	45	24
Halifax	22	11	5	6	35	24
Hartlepool	23	11	5	7	43	27
Chesterfield	21	11	4	6	39	21
Coventry	22	11	3	8	46	31
Accrington	22	11	2	9	43	24
Doncaster	21	7	9	5	39	34
Durham	23	11</				

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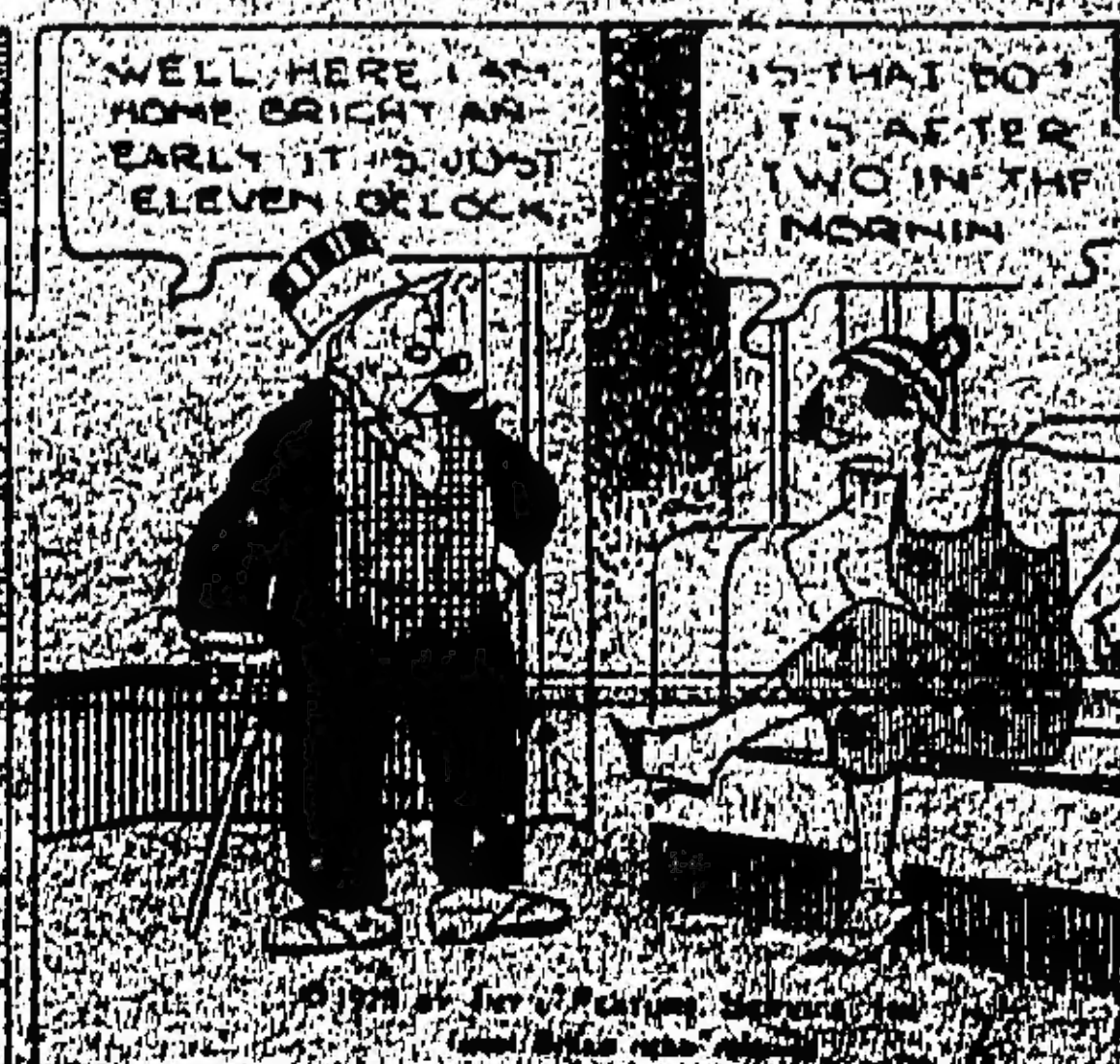


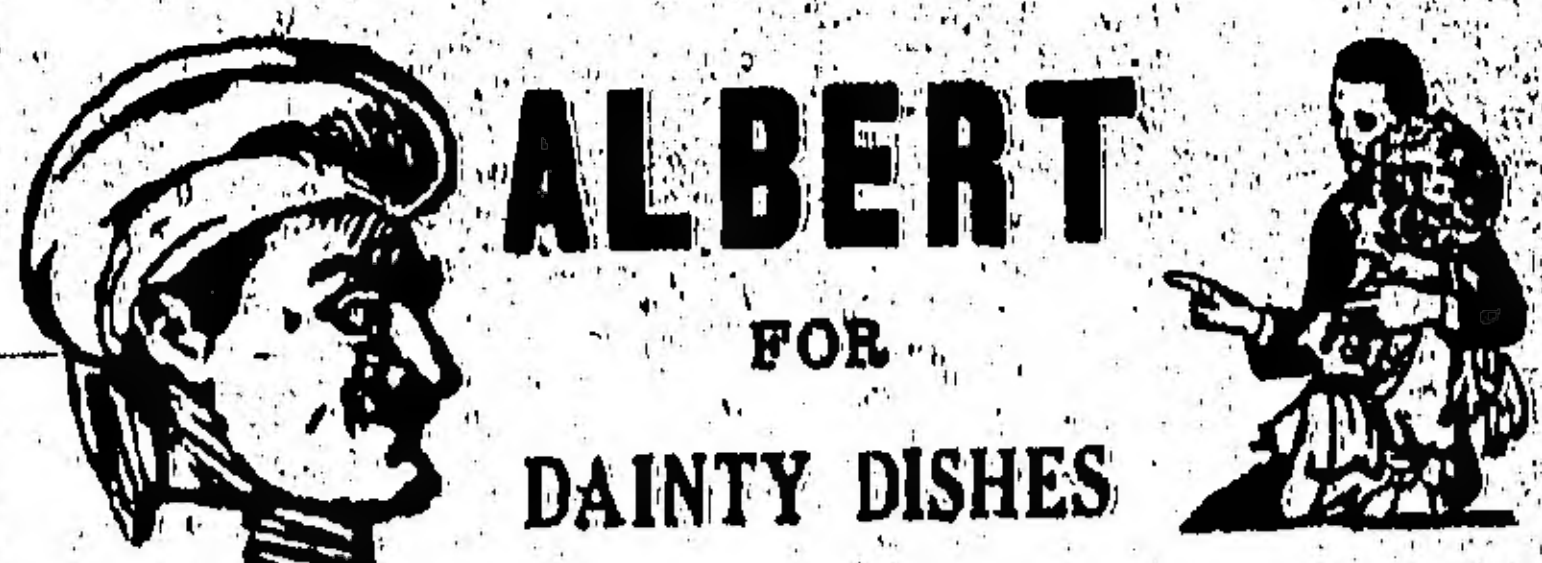
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Both Mr. Hetling and his mechanic have had great experience in everything connection with flying. Mr. Hetling was engaged in the famous Fokker firm as experimental engineer for over two years before going out to the East. Since arriving in Java, he and his mechanic have in the last two years, flown over 5,000 miles with passengers without a single accident.

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ASYLUM VISITOR.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. B. E. Linsell at the Central Magistracy, on Saturday, with conspiring together on Dec. 30, to obtain the release of one Lee Ah-lee, then a patient at the Government Lunatic Asylum, together with his belongings with intent to defraud. The second defendant was a ward boy.

Evidence was given by Mr. James Murray, in charge of the Asylum. Witness said that Lee Ah-lee arrived by the s.s. "President Wilson" on December 24, and was that day admitted to the Asylum. The patient had in his possession \$42.30 in American money, a gold wristlet watch, a pair of cuff links made from American gold pieces, two suit cases containing clothing and an attaché case. The following day a letter was written by the patient to his friends at No. 81, Conduit Road, but this was sent back as they had left for Singapore. At 12.15 p.m. on December 30, witness saw the first defendant standing in the hall. There was also a Chinese ward master and an office boy. On being questioned, defendant, who claimed to be a brother of the patient, could not give the patient's name, and later became confused in his replies. Witness suspected there was something wrong and handed the man over to the police.

Answering questions put by Divisional Inspector P. Grant who had charge of the case, witness said that the second defendant was in charge of the ward in which the patient was kept. The ward adjoined the front hall. It was possible for the second defendant to have come to know that the patient had money either from the patient himself or from other sources.

A Chinese ward master corroborated this evidence. He said that the first defendant was brought to him by the second defendant. Not being a visiting day he refused to allow him to see the patient. Mr. Murray then entered through the

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gave and questioned the first defendant, witness acting as interpreter. Witness added that when the first defendant heard he was going to be handed over to the police he fell on his knees and asked to be let off. At this stage the case was adjourned until noon on Tuesday for further evidence. Bail was allowed on \$500 each.

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